**Tips for Successful Writing: Help with Grammar Issues**

Many students do not feel comfortable in expressing themselves in writing. These feelings are often the result of a lack of confidence in their ability to write grammatically correct sentences. For example, if you have to write a short answer or essay question on a test, you may be so concerned with overcoming any grammar issues you have that you do not spend the appropriate amount of time on the content of the answer, which is the most important part of the answer. Some students even suffer severe writer’s block because of the uneasiness they feel about their grammar skills. Spending some time reviewing grammar rules often helps students to become more confident in their answers on essay tests and quizzes.

Wordiness, or lack of conciseness, is another common problem that many students experience when they write. Wordiness often leads to long, complicated sentences, which, in turn, lead to grammar errors. One of the resources listed below can help you to identify whether wordiness is part of your problem with grammar and writing and how to address this problem if necessary.

Below, you will find resources that will help you to overcome any areas you believe you need to improve on: parts of speech, punctuation, sentence structure, conciseness and more.

**SUGGESTED RESOURCES:**

**Minor writing/grammar issues on quizzes involving short answer/essay questions:** <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/essays_for_exams.html>

**OWL exercises page:** <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl_exercises/index.html>

**Errors in mechanics:** <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/mechanics/index.html>

**Grammar errors:** <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/index.html>

**Conciseness:** <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/academic_writing/conciseness/index.html>