

Keep a Grammar Log

When learning or developing any skill, it is helpful to keep track of your progress and to be aware of the areas in which you struggle. One way you can support your development as an academic writer is to keep a grammar log. A grammar log is where you can record areas that you consistently struggle in and reminders of how to revise your writing. While a grammar log can be helpful for all students, it is especially recommended for ELL students.

A grammar log can take many forms; a suggested template is below. You can write whatever is going to be helpful to you in the long run; for instance, you can explain a grammar rule in your own words or copy the rule from a handbook. A grammar log does not need to be formal. What's more important is that it serves as a reference or guide while you are acquiring or developing proficiency in academic English.

Sample:

Area to improve	My original sentence	Revised sentence	Explanation
Subject-verb agreement	"She sit there every morning."	"She sits there every morning."	Singular subject (she) requires plural noun (sits).

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