**TLC PODCASTS: Further resources on essay-writing - questioning the question**

If you’re having trouble understanding what your essay topic or question means, you should first ask the teacher who set the question. Otherwise, your academic adviser in your department may also be able to help you. Support is available from other sources as well.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTRE**

The Teaching and Learning Centre runs several events and workshops on writing in Michaelmas and Lent Terms. Visit www.lse.ac.uk/tlc to find out more.

See Learning Development on Moodle for the slides and recording of the TLC event, How to write essays at LSE: an introduction ( <https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=282400> ).

Learning Development on Moodle is the TLC page for study skills materials.

MOODLE > Teaching and Learning Centre > Learning Development on Moodle > Academic Writing

Royal Literary Fund Fellows, professional writers hosted at the Teaching and Learning Centre, are available to help students, on a free, one to one basis, with any aspect of academic writing, from planning essay content and scope to structuring arguments and writing essays and dissertations in a clear, reader-friendly way. For an appointment with a Royal Literary Fund Fellow, contact [studentsupport@lse.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@lse.ac.uk) .

One-to-one study support is available from TLC’s qualitative study adviser. Contact [studentsupport@lse.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@lse.ac.uk) to make an appointment.

**BOOKS**

There are many study support books available, both as e-books and physical copies. Use the library search page to find what you need. A few examples of books on academic writing are listed below.

Creme, P. and Lea, M. (2008) Writing at University: a Guide for Students. Maidenhead: Open University Press. (See chapter 4. “Beginning with the title”, pp. 39-47)

Levin, P. (2009). Write Great Essays. Maidenhead: Open University Press.

Godwin, J. (2014). Planning Your Essay. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Wallace, M. and Wray, A. (2011). Critical Reading and Writing for Postgraduates. London: Sage.

Redman, P. and Maples, W. (2011). Good Essay Writing: a social sciences guide. London: Sage.

Norton, L. and Pitt, E. (2009) Writing Essays at University. A guide for students by students. London: London Metropolitan University (See chapter 4. “Addressing (Answering) the question”, pp. 46-51)

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

The University of Manchester Library offers an interactive, online tutorial on analysing your essay question.

**Get a grip, understanding your task** is available at [www.escholar.manchester.ac.uk/learning-objects/mle/understanding-task/](http://www.escholar.manchester.ac.uk/learning-objects/mle/understanding-task/) .

**Analysis essay titles** is a video tutorial from the University of Leicester, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuXSL27we7Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuXSL27we7Y)

The Royal Literary Fund offers advice on essay writing, and in particularly on **understanding the question** at [www.rlf.org.uk/resources/close-encounters-of-the-word-kind/](http://www.rlf.org.uk/resources/close-encounters-of-the-word-kind/) .