



### STUDY SKILLS FOR WRITING

- Impress your friends and family back home - write at least some of your postcards in English!
- If your first language does not use Roman script, practise your **handwriting as much as possible**. ALL students should practise handwriting in English!
- Keep a colourful English diary and try to write something in it every day – illustrating it with little pictures, sketches or cartoons, tickets, etc.
- Whether you are a Beginner or Advanced Student, be proud of your written work and send it to Nell and the Studio Online Club.
- Write a film, book or music review! Get your work published in the International Student Magazine – check Studio online for the Theme of the Month.
- Start to learn summarising techniques and practise with short newspaper stories.
- For academic writing, practise basic presenting of arguments; introductions; topic sentences for paragraphs; conclusions.

### Writing practice activities

- Read a page from a book and then make up the next part of the story and write a page.
- Choose a picture of a family from a magazine, and write about all the characters.
- Choose ten random words from the dictionary and write a few paragraphs of a story using all the words.
- After speaking to someone in the family, try writing everything they said.
- Write a journal for a few days through the eyes of a pet living in your home
- Watch a documentary and then write a summary of its contents
- Write a children's story
- Listen to the news and then write a newspaper article about that topic.

### For lower level students

- Find a picture of a country scene and describe it – perhaps you could visit an art gallery and do this.
- Find a photograph or painted portrait of someone and write a physical description of him/her.
- Then try and write a 'character' description of them...what kind of person is he/she?
- Keep a journal (diary) and ensure that an entry is made each day
- Make up true sentences (about yourself, your day at Studio, your plans) using new language.



## **Useful Websites for Writing Skills**

For Beginner to Pre-intermediate students

English Editing Express

<http://www.english-editing-express.com/esl-websites.html>

British Council Learn English <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/links/writing-and-grammar>

For Intermediate to Advanced - Suite 101.com

Go to <http://www.suite101.com/content/esl-self-improvement-activities-to-advance-writing-and-grammar-a233462>