



Handout 3

WRITTEN PARAGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS

Are these paragraphs examples of academic writing?

Instructions

In preparation for the session on academic writing read the associated handout and complete the activity below. The handout features a number of paragraphs written in English. You need to:

- Read the paragraphs carefully.
- Determine if the paragraph is an example of an English language academic text.
- Identify if the paragraph is an example of a discipline specific (Media and Communication) academic text.
- Determine if the paragraph is neither of the above.

Use the clues below to inform your decisions:

- Is the language used formal and grammatically correct?
- Does the paragraph feature colloquial language?
- Does the paragraph cite sources?
- Is the information provided factual and explicit?
- Does the paragraph use language commonly associated with media and communication?
- Is the paragraph written in 1st or 3rd person?
- Is the paragraph opinion or evidence based?
- Is the paragraph reflective of western academic contexts / discourses?

	English language academic text	Justify your decision	Discipline specific (Media and Communication) academic text	Justify your decision	If you have responded 'no' in previous columns, what sort of text is it?
Paragraph 1	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 2	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 3	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 4	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 5	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 6	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 7	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Paragraph 8	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		