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APPLICATION SKILLS 01

ESSAY COACHING



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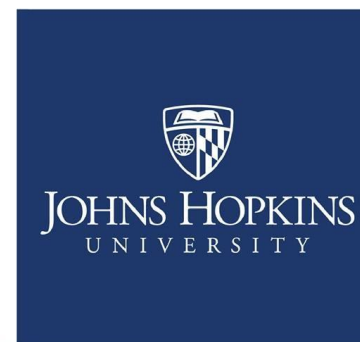
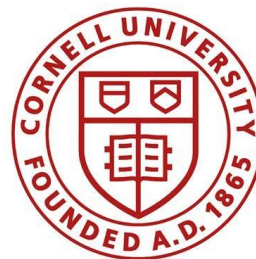
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ESSAY COACHING - LESSON 05



COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Overuse of adverbs

Incorrect: The boy ran really fast to catch the runaway ball.

Correct: The boy sprinted to catch the runaway ball.

Too many prepositional phrases

Incorrect: The caravan came over the top of the hill.

Correct: The caravan crested the hill.

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Ambiguous (“Squinting”) modifiers

Incorrect: Listening to loud music slowly gives me a headache.

Correct: When I listen to loud music, I slowly develop a headache.

Misuse of lie/lay

Incorrect: He was laying on the couch.

Correct: He was lying on the couch.

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Ambiguous pronoun references

Incorrect: John had a card for Helga, but couldn't deliver it because he was in her way.

Correct: John had a card for Helga, but couldn't deliver it because Tim was in Helga's way.

Wrong Word

Incorrect: Did you catch my illusion to the Bible?

Correct: Did you catch my allusion to the Bible?

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Run-on sentences

Incorrect: Lila enjoyed the bouquet of tulips John gave her on prom night however she prefers roses.

Correct: Lila enjoyed the bouquet of tulips John gave her on prom night; however, she prefers roses.

Wordiness (inflated sentences)

Incorrect: It has come to our attention that your tax returns are overdue and we urge you to file them at your earliest convenience.

Correct: Your tax returns are overdue. Please file them now.

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Using “could of” instead of “could have”

Incorrect: Sam could of received an A on his essay, but he made too many grammatical mistakes.

Correct: Sam could have received an A on his essay, but he made too many grammatical mistakes.

Tautologies

Incorrect: Jack made a water pail with his own hands for Jill.

Correct: Jack made a water pail for Jill.

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Comma splices

Incorrect: He was very hungry, he ate a whole pizza.

Correct: He was very hungry. He ate a whole pizza.

Correct: He was very hungry, so he ate a whole pizza.

Missing Comma with a Nonrestrictive Element

Incorrect: David who loved to read history was the first to head to the British Library.

Correct: David, who loved to read history, was the first to head to the British Library.

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Missing Comma in a Compound Sentence

A compound sentence consists of two or more independent clauses. When the clauses are joined by a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so), use a comma before the conjunction to indicate a pause between the two thoughts.

Incorrect: Miranda drove her brother and her mother waited at home.

Correct: Miranda drove her brother, and her mother waited at home.

Unnecessary Shift in Verb Tense

Verbs that shift from one tense to another with no clear reason can confuse readers.

Example: Martin searched for a great horned owl. He takes photographs of all the birds he sights.

COMMON ERRORS IN ESSAY WRITING

Check your spelling!

Even though technology now reviews much of our spelling for us, one of the top 20 most common errors is a spelling error. That's because spell checkers cannot identify many misspellings, and are most likely to miss homonyms (e.g., presence/presents), compound words incorrectly spelled as separate words, and proper nouns, particularly names. After you run the spell checker, proofread carefully for errors such as these:

Vladmir Putin is the controversial leader of Russia.

Every where she walked, she was reminded of him.