

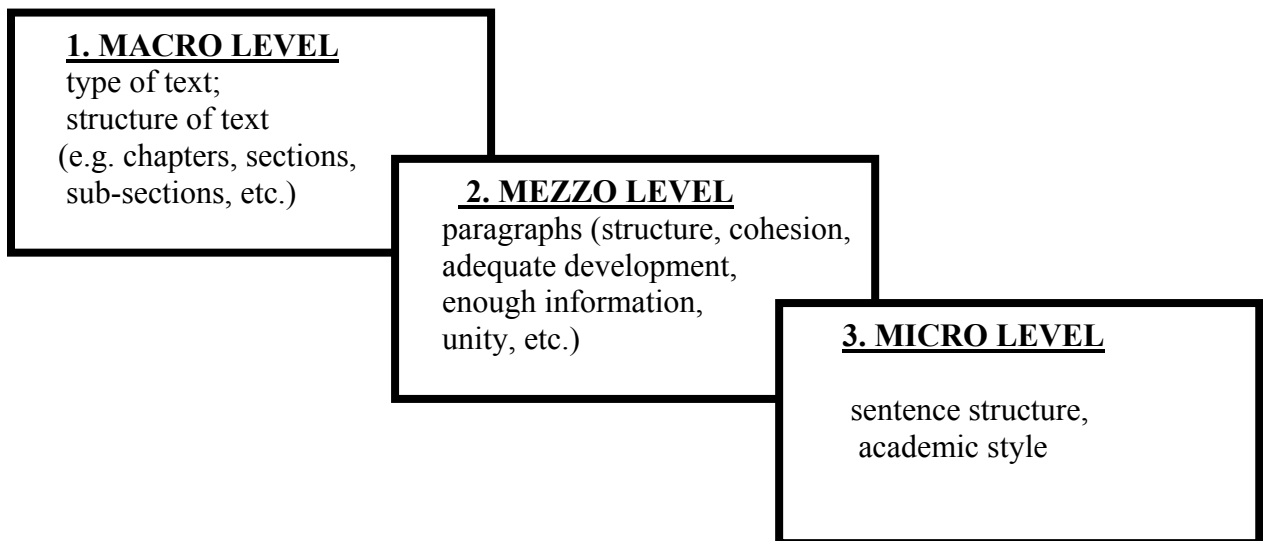
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POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC WRITING COURSE

SESSION 3

1. SESSION 3 PLAN

2. SESSION 1 & 2 SUMMARY



(Adapted from Alison Brown, 2007)

3. Work in groups of three or four and comment on your writing experience. As a group, try and agree on two or three points that caused you biggest problems; and, on the other hand, what you enjoyed most.

1. TEXT TYPES

1.1.

Match the following sentences with adequate text types.

TEXTBOOK JOURNAL ARTICLE MAGAZINE ARTICLE DOCTORAL
THESIS

- a) The text is probably a quality piece of work and can be of great interest to the academic community,
however, it is usually not very easy to make it publishable.
- b) The authors of the text are paid by the publishing company to write about what somebody else is
doing in a style suitable for general but targeted audience.
- c) Its purpose is to distribute highly specific knowledge to experts and students.
- d) It is a publication produced according to the demand of educational institutions.
- e) Its purpose is to make money by supplying a platform to advertisers who want to reach a particular
audience.
- f) The text is reviewed before published by a peer review board or a panel of experts that decides which
submissions can be identified as trustworthy sources and are acceptable for publication.
- g) This is a long text where the author provides detailed evidence and justification regarding what was
or was not done, or considered, in a research project in order to back up the ultimate conclusions
that are offered.
- h) It is a publication used for the formal study of any branch of study.

(Adapted from: <http://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/academic/sources/journals/index.html>; Robert Q. Pollard Jr. 2005; http://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/academic/sources/journals/vs_magazines.htm; <http://gradpsych.apags.org/mar06/dissertation.html>)

1.2.

Work in groups. Discuss again different writing styles mentioned in the session 1 and try to identify typical features of the academic writing style.

2. TEXT STRUCTURE

2.1. WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF AN ACADEMIC TEXT?

1. What are the basic/ “compulsory” parts of every academic text?

2. What parts do academic texts usually consist of?

3. What parts can academic texts consist of?

4. Why do we include these parts?

2.2. SYTLE – TEXT TYPE RELATION

On the use of active and passive

Table 1

Percentages of voice per section in the processes of three types of sciences in 21 research articles.

	Introduction		Method		Results		Discussion	
	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P
Physical sciences	63,0	37,0	26,0	74,0	72,0	28,0	71,0	29,0
Biological sciences	74,0	26,0	38,0	61,0	68,0	32,0	79,0	21,0
Social sciences	84,0	16,0	46,0	54,0	77,0	23,0	85,0	15,0

A=active, P=passive

(Source: I.A.Martinez/English for Specific Purposes 20 (2001) 227-247)

On self-mention in the articles

Table 2

Frequency of self-mention forms per discipline (Ø per 10,000 words).

Discipline	Total	Citation	I	Me	My	We	Us	Our	Other
Physics	64,6	8,7	0,0	0,1	0,0	39,3	0,6	14,4	1,4
Marketing	61,3	6,9	1,6	0,0	0,7	31,0	1,1	18,9	0,6
Biology	56,2	22,6	0,0	0,1	0,1	24,0	1,1	7,2	0,7
Philosophy	52,7	3,1	35,6	2,5	7,7	1,4	0,2	0,6	0,0
Applied ling.	51,8	9,1	36,1	3,0	9,7	25,4	2,8	14,5	0,2
Sociology	47,1	6,8	12,7	1,0	2,0	15,3	0,7	7,6	0,2
Electronic eng.	44,4	10,7	0,0	0,0	0,0	23,3	0,4	8,6	0,5
Mechanical eng.	17,8	9,6	0,0	0,0	0,0	5,5	0,0	1,4	0,4
Overall	50,5	8,3	11,2	0,8	2,4	17,8	0,8	8,3	1,1

(Source: K. Hyland/English for Specific Purposes 20 (2001) 207-226)

On grammar in scientific articles

Table 3

Most frequent words (pharmaceutical corpus).

Rank	Title	Abstract	Introduction	Methods	Results	Discussion
1	of	but	been	were	no	that
2	for	these	has	was	in	be
3	on	of	have	at	did	may
4	and	there	is	then	not	is
5	in	in	such	for	had	our
6	-	was	can	each	after	in
7	-	that	it	and	there	not

8	-	did	we	from	the	this
9	-	w ho	of	after	when	we
10	-	both	to	with	all	have

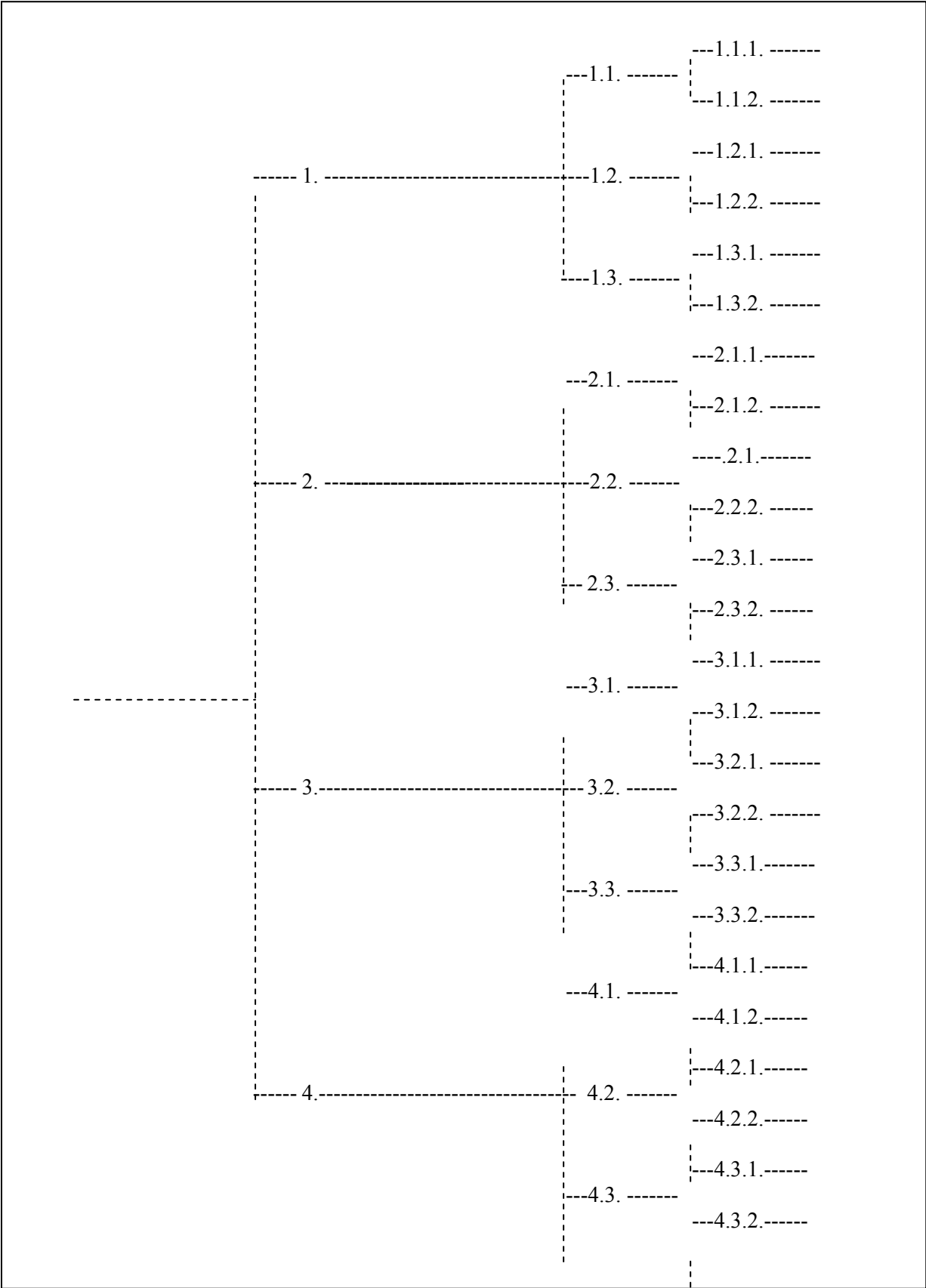
(Source: C.Gledhill/English for Specific Purposes 19
(2000) 115-135)

2.3.

With a partner (preferably not a specialist in your field) work through the following points and try to outline a working description of the structure of your thesis.

(Source: Adapted from
<http://www2.ems.uq.edu.au/phdweb/phfaq02.html> in Morgan, J., 2007)

2.4. Planning diagram



(Adapted from: Brooks and Grundy, 1990:92 in Morgan, J., 2007)

2.5. Thesis planner

(See: materials John Morgan)

2.6.

Fill the gaps in the table below with the missing comments:

Features across the IMRD section

high (5x)	inside out	low (4x)
outside-in		

Feature	I	M	R	D
Movement of information (Hill et al.)	narrow	narrow
Present tense (Hesolt)	low	high
Past tense (Hesolt)	fairly low	very	very high	fairly low
Passive voice (Hesolt)	variable	variable
Authorial comments (Adam Smith)	very	very

(Adapted from: Swales, J.M. 1990. *Genre Analysis*. CUP.)

2.7.

Think of the differences between PhD thesis writing and journal article writing. Look at the contents of the following academic texts and identify which are structures of theses and which of articles.

1. Visual-motor performance and its association with minor neurological dysfunction in children born preterm

Abstract	Empirical part
Introduction	6. Goals of the study
Overview of the dissertation	7. Method
1. What is prematurity	7.1. Participants
1.1. Long-term sequelae of preterm birth	7.2. Procedure
1.1.1. Motor development and its association with cognitive abilities	8. Results
Visual development	8.1. Quantitative measures
Behavioural development	8.2. Qualitative measures
	8.2.1. Guidance of movement

2. Minor Neurological Dysfunction	8.2.2. <i>Type of grip</i>
3. Bases of observed dysfunctions	8.2.3. <i>Finger configurations</i>
3.1. Impact of early injury/exposure on later development	8.2.4. <i>Quality of the lift and block movement</i>
4. Theories of different visual subsystems	8.2.5. <i>Analysis with respect to the presence/absence of MND</i>
4.1. Underleider and Mishkin's distinction ('what' and 'where')	9. Interpretation of the findings
4.2. Goodale and Milner's theory ('where' vs. 'how')	10. Discussion
4.3. Semantic vs. pragmatic	Conclusion
4.4. Different susceptibility of the two streams ...?	Appendix
5. Object-oriented movements - grasping	References

2. The Czechoslovak Policy led by Edvard Beneš and the first Restoration Attempt of Charles Habsburg in Hungary in the Spring 1921

1. Abstract
2. The Royal Question as a Reactionary Factor of the Interior- and Foreign Political Consolidation of Hungary and its Position in Czechoslovak-Hungarian Relations (A Brief Introduction to the Problem)
3. The Course of the First Restoration Attempt of Charles Habsburg and Czechoslovak Anti-Habsburg Diplomatic Offensive
4. Notes

3. Access to justice: a deconstructionist approach to horizontal direct effect

Summary	6 - The Legal Position of HDE – Is A Change Possible?
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3 - Arguments for HDE	7.2 - Perception of Protection From Rights
4 - Practical Need for HDE	7.3 - Awareness of EC Based Laws
5 - Arguments For Non-Application of HDE	7.4 - Membership of Trades Unions
5.1 - Argument 1 – The Wording of the EC Treaty (Article 249 EC)	7.5 - Workers' Confidence in The Advice Provided
5.1.1 - Counter Argument 1 – The Wording of the EC Treaty (Article 249 EC)	7.6 - The Issue of Costs in Pursuing A Remedy
5.2 - Argument 2 - Unfair Burden on Non-Legislators	7.7 - Workers' Claims Based on Their Employment Rights
5.2.1 - Counter Argument 2 - Unfair Burden on Non-Legislators	7.8 - Necessity for HDE Derived From Workers' Evidence
5.3 - Argument 3 - Uncertainty of Which Law To Follow	8 - HDE's Effect on Access to Justice
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5.4 - Argument 4 - The Distinction Between Directives and Regulations Would Become Blurred	10 - Need for HDE - The Advocates-General's Views
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Distinction Between Directives and Regulations Would Become Blurred
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4. Lessons from the Sam Hinga Norman Decision of the Special Court for Sierra Leone:

How Trials and Truth Commissions can Co-exist

A. Introduction
B. Purposes of Trials and TRCs: A theoretical perspective
I. The TRC Process
II. The Trial Process
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C. Case Study: Sierra Leone and the Hinga Norman Decision
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V. The Relationship between the SCSL and the TRC: the Sam Hinga Norman Decision
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5. Welfare threat and exclusionism of immigrants:

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6. Capture of Extra nuclear DNA at Fission Yeast Double-Strand Breaks

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