

1) The formulations in bold sound more formal or academic (or both). Can you fill in the missing words?

- 1) To do a research – **to c_____ o_____ research / to c_____ research / to u_____ research**
- 2) To get useful information – **to o_____ useful m_____**
- 3) The university has a great library – **the university has an i_____ library.**
- 4) I am really interested in this topic – **I am p_____ interested in this topic.**
- 5) As well as that, I... Apart from this, I... Besides these, I... **In a_____, I ...**
- 6) This course would be a great help – **This course would be o_ great help**
- 7) To learn some new information about – **to a_____ new information about**
- 8) A lot of books – **m_____ books / a l_____ n_____ of books**
- 9) In my thesis, I will aim at the relationship between – **I will c_____ / f_____ o_____ the relationship between**
- 10) to gain precious pieces of advice – **to gain important new i_____ i_____**
- 11) during my study at MU – **During my s_____ at MU**
- 12) There are plenty of books in the library – **There is an e_____ c_____ of books in the library**
- 13) I am really keen on – **I am es_____ i_____ in**
- 14) I am highly interested in – **I am ex_____ interested in**
- 15) The library owns many interesting works... – **The library p_____ many interesting works...**
- 16) ... which I cannot easily get in the Czech Republic. – **which I cannot easily o_____ in the Czech Republic**

2) Look at the two versions of the same texts. Which of these do you like more?

(Adapted from Swales and Feak. *Academic Writing for Graduate Students*. 3rd ed. Michigan. 2013.)

It may be difficult to make a decision about the method that should be used

Choosing proper method may be difficult.

There are some inorganic materials that can be used in tissue engineering by bioengineers in the process of tissue engineering that have been shown to be very promising

Some inorganic materials have shown great promise in tissue engineering.

3) Read these two texts on lasers in medicine. Which do you prefer? Why?

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- a) **1** Lasers have found widespread application in medicine. **2** Lasers play an important role in the treatment of eye disease and the prevention of blindness. **3** The eye is ideally suited for laser surgery. **4** Most of the eye tissue is transparent. **5** The frequency and focus of the laser beam can be adjusted according to the absorption of the tissue. **6** The beam “cuts” inside the eye with minimal damage to the surrounding tissue—even the tissue between the laser and the incision. **7** Lasers are effective in treating some causes of blindness. **8** Other treatments are not. **9** The interaction between laser light and eye tissue is not fully understood.
- b) **1** Lasers have found widespread application in medicine. **2** For example, they play an important role in the treatment of eye disease and the prevention of blindness. **3** The eye is ideally suited for laser surgery because most of the eye tissue is transparent. **4** Because of this transparency, the frequency and focus of the laser beam can be adjusted according to the absorption of the tissue so that the beam “cuts” inside the eye with minimal damage to the surrounding tissue—even the tissue between the laser and the incision. **5** Lasers are also more effective than other methods in treating some causes of blindness. **6** However, the interaction between laser light and eye tissue is not fully understood.