



2.1.1 Assessing your experience of writing

Writing is a central academic activity which takes many different forms. However, many PhD students focus on the required writing for their degree. Below is a list of different academic/ disciplinary ways of communicating with others, some of which you may have more experience than others. Assess the breadth of your knowledge:

1. Read each item and tick the box which best represents how satisfied you are with your ability. Add any other types of writing you want next to 'other.'
2. Once you have finished reviewing the list, decide which ones you want to focus on developing.
3. Set some concrete plans to achieve your goals; put these in your diary with deadlines to help you reach your goals.

	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Journal peer-review research article	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Journal non-peer research article	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Journal review article	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commentaries (journal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book reviews (journal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letters to editors (journal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abstracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Posters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant applications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract research reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research grant reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational and procedural manuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web/ electronic conferencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Articles for popular publications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web page/blog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letters to editor (popular press)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letters of application for an academic position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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