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Introduction

Academic Writing Skills 2 reinforces key structures presented in Academic Writing Skills 1 while introducing new essay elements, presenting more complex skills, and covering three distinct academic essay types.

There are four units in the textbook:
- Unit 1: Writing an Expository Essay
- Unit 2: Research and Citation
- Unit 3: Writing an Argumentative Essay
- Unit 4: Writing a Compare and Contrast Essay

Each unit presents explanations, examples, exercises, and model essays to help you attain university-level academic writing skills in research-based argumentative and compare and contrast essays. In particular, you will learn to:
- include a motive for an essay.
- create an indirect thesis statement.
- develop and include effective counter-arguments.
- develop and include logical rebuttals to counter-arguments.

Academic Writing Skills 2 also focuses on integrating outside sources into essays using citation – an essential skill in academic writing. The information and exercises presented will help you learn how to:
- identify shared language and common knowledge.
- quote, paraphrase, and summarize information from outside sources.
- add authority to outside sources, and integrate them effectively using reporting verbs.

To maximize the use of this book, you should:
- read the information in each unit thoroughly.
- take notes in the page margins with ideas and explanations from your teacher, classmates, or your own thoughts.
- complete all the exercises.

Dedicated study of Academic Writing Skills 2 will prepare you with the necessary skills and strategies to successfully write a range of common academic essays.