

# TUTORING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

*Tutorat par les pairs en anglais langue seconde*



## Tutoring Writing: A Technical Report

Writing lesson



2022

Québec 

## STEP 1: Assessment

What are you going to write about in the technical report?

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## STEP 2: Theory

- What is a **thesis statement**?
- What is a **hypothesis**?
- What is the difference between a **thesis statement** and a **hypothesis**?

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**EXERCISE 1.** Identify the following statements as **thesis statement** or **hypothesis**.

- A. We believe that alcohol consumption is high among college students, and that many students binge drink.
- B. Drinking among college students is a serious problem and can have a negative impact on their overall health.
- C. We believe many college students sometimes get drunk and do things that they regret.
- D. Students often binge drink in social situations, which can cause problems in their academic life, as well as in their psychological and physical health.
- E. We predict that college students do not believe that they have a serious drinking problem.
- F. We predict that binge drinking is a more serious problem among male than female college students.

## STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercises

- What is your thesis statement?
- What is your hypothesis?
- What methods would you use to collect the information for the technical report?

**TIP** **DIAGRAM**

Introduction (background information)

Thesis statement (main idea of the research paper)

Hypothesis

Prediction about the result of the research

Methodology

Your background information, goals of the research, target population, content, timing and data collection method. The method shows the relationship between the variables

Results

Explain the results of the information that you gathered through the research, and if it proves or disproves the hypothesis that you had

Conclusion

Your conclusions about the research and how other sources prove or disprove your findings

## STEP 4: Production task

**Note:** The tutee should write the technical report by themselves. The tutor can help revise and edit the text for grammar mistakes, coherence and organization.

Remember to guide the tutee to correct their own mistakes.

**Example:** “There is a mistake. Do you see it? It is here.”

**Writing a technical report checklist. Check each item as you review it with your tutee.**

<b>Content</b>	
You have a clear thesis statement (main idea)	
You have a research question or hypothesis	
You explained the methodology that you used	
You selected and integrated pertinent information from researched sources	
You cited your sources in the proper format (MLA or APA)	
<b>Organization</b>	
You used transition words to connect the ideas to one another	
You used the appropriate paragraph format for the task (introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion and limitations)	
<b>Language Use</b>	
You checked for grammar errors	
You checked for precise words and appropriate vocabulary spelling	

## STEP 5: Final Review

What new words did you learn?

### **Tutor Note**

- Ask “how do you say” questions with the words the tutee does not mention.

### **Important**

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.

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**Thesis statement:** the main idea of the technical report. E.g., Lack of knowledge regarding alternative medicine can lead people of different age groups towards a biased opinion of it.

**Hypothesis:** a statement that can be proved right or wrong. It predicts the outcome of the research and the relationship between the variables. E.g., We believe that younger people have better knowledge and a more positive attitude towards alternative medicine.

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