

Writing an Academic Paper

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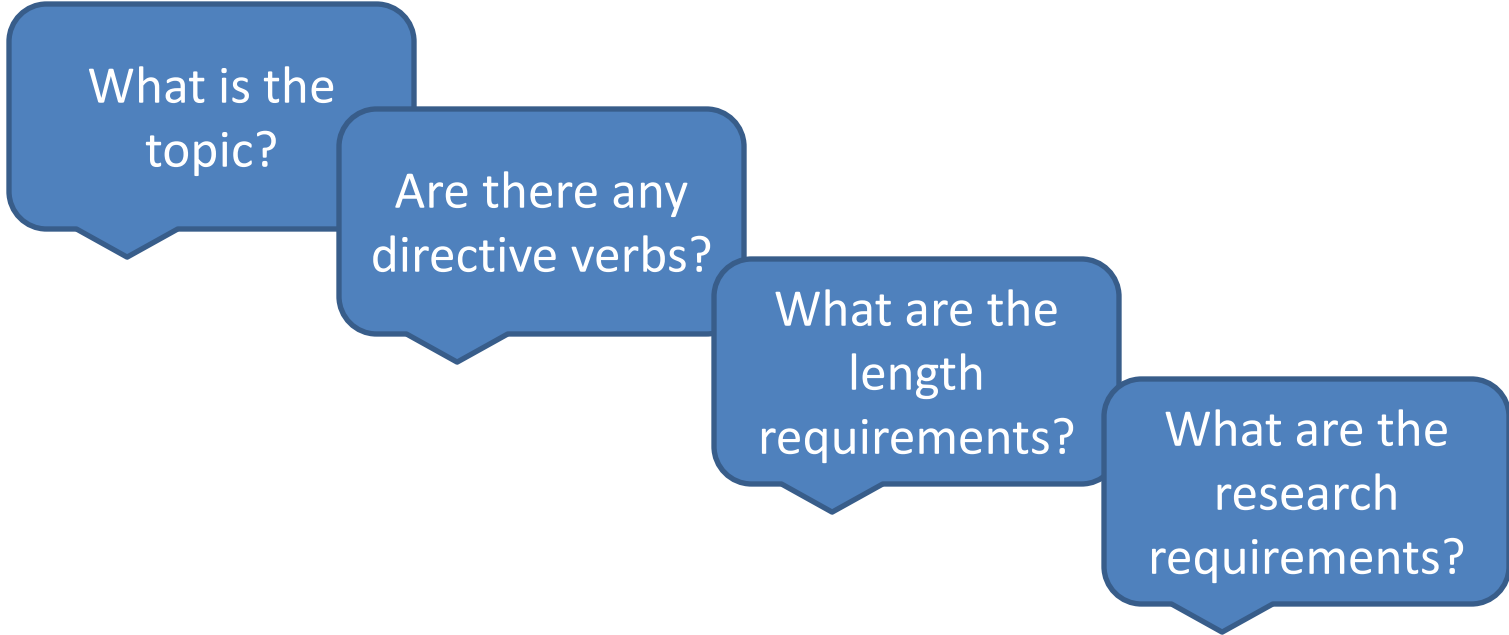
“In answer to the question of what went wrong with unsuccessful student papers, by far the most common answer among faculty interviewed was that students did not follow directions” (Leki, 2007, p. 244).

Leki, I. (2007). *Undergraduates in a second language: Challenges and complexities of academic literacy development*. New York: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

- Analyze the assignment instructions
- Underline and circle key words
 - Topic
 - Directive verbs
 - Length Requirements
 - Research Requirements
- Consider evaluation methods
- Ask your professor for clarification!



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Krashen's five hypotheses of language acquisition

Are there any directive verbs?
describe using examples and critique

What are the 800-1000 word requirements?

What are the scholarly requirements?

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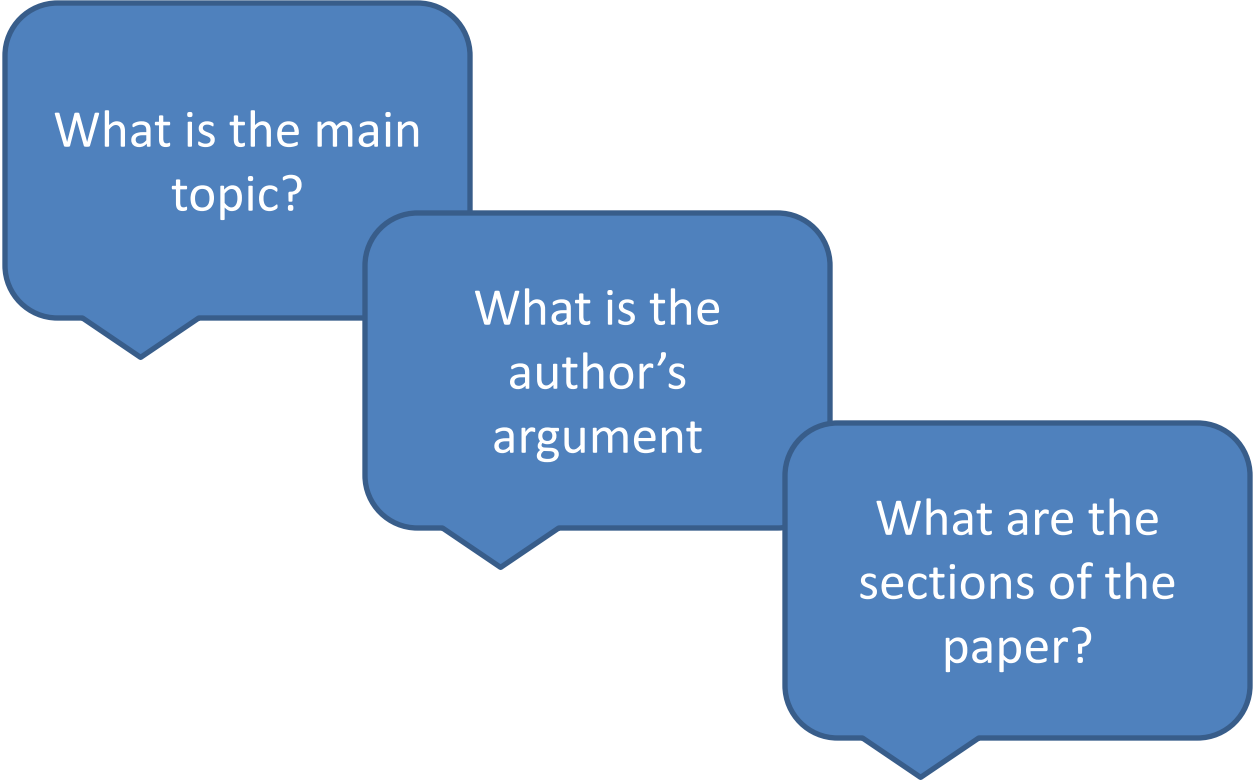


- A declarative statement
- Identifies your topic
- States your point of view and presents an argument
- Acts as road map for the essay



Thesis Statement Example

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What is the main topic?

What is the author's argument

What are the sections of the paper?

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What is the C.U.S. Free Trade Agreement?

What is the author's argument?

- What are the sections of the paper?
- 1) limitations,
 - 2) sections of the paper,
 - 3) economic benefits

Thesis: While limited in scope, the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was visionary at its inception and continues to benefit Canadians politically and economically.

1) Limitations

- a. Facts
- b. Incidents
- c. Reasons
- d. Examples
- e. Statistics

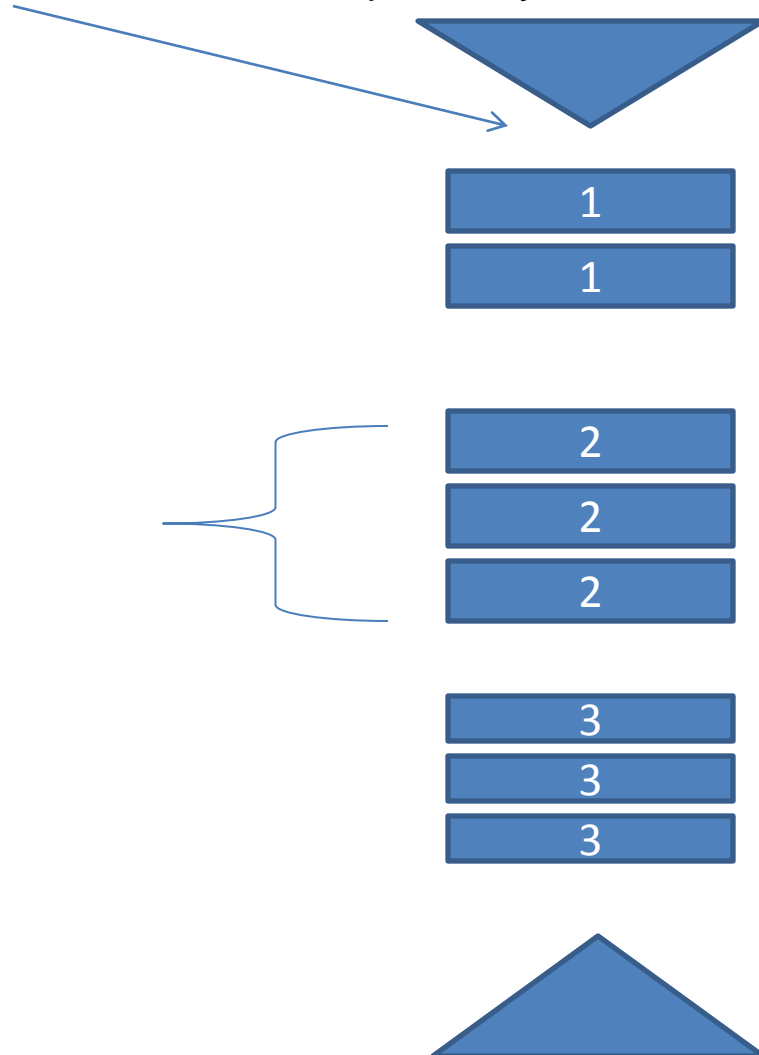
2) Political Benefits

- a. Facts
- b. Incidents
- c. Reasons
- d. Examples
- e. Statistics

3) Economic Benefits

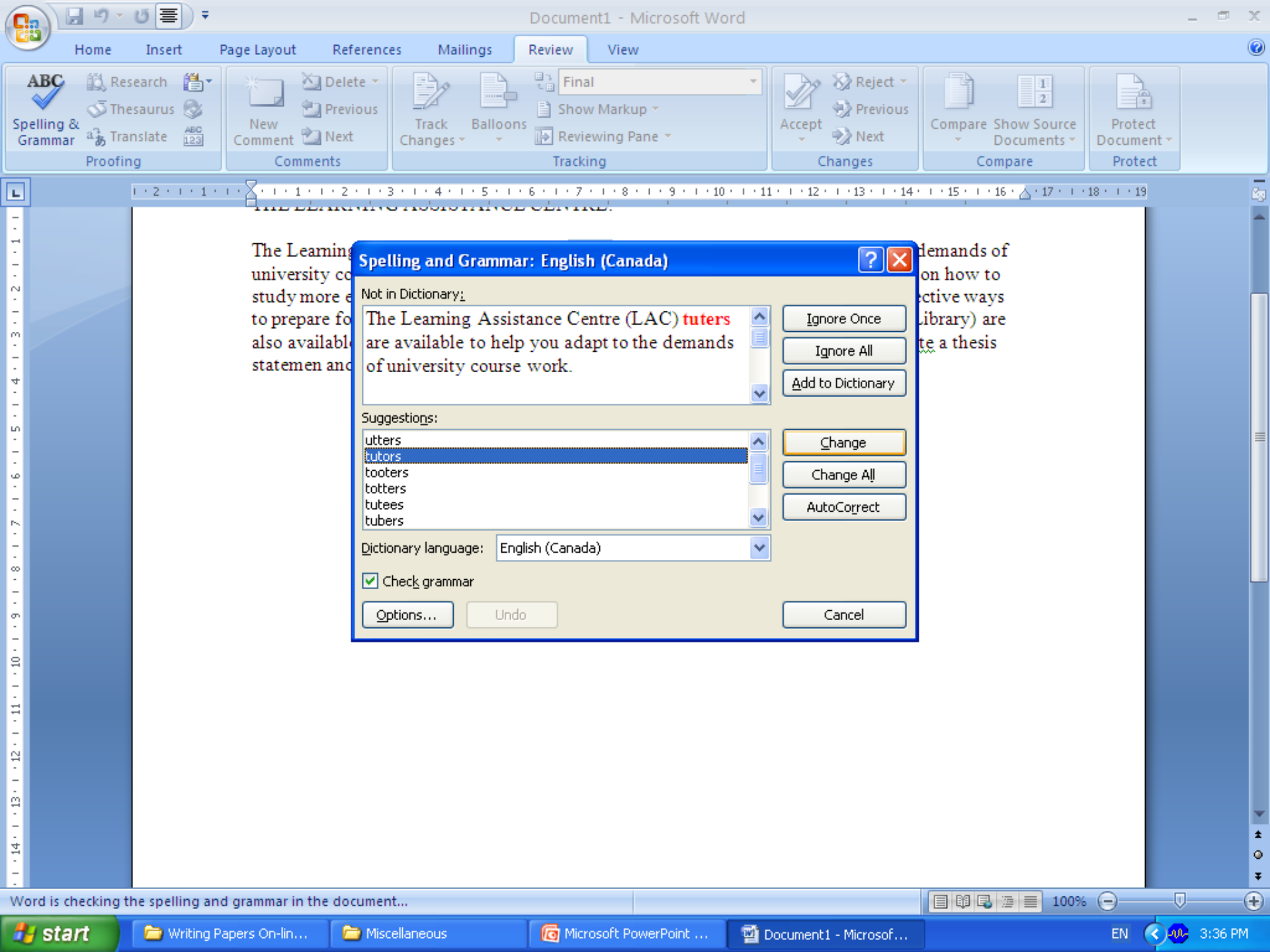
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Conclusion



<p>Topic Sentence (introduce the main idea)</p>
<p>Subject Development (present facts, incidents, reasons, examples, or statistics)</p>
<p>Analysis and Commentary (analyze and comment on details)</p>





“A piece of writing is never finished. It is delivered to a deadline, torn out of the typewriter on demand” (Murray, 1973, p.16).

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