



# Using CorrectEnglish to Improve Your Writing in Six Easy Steps!



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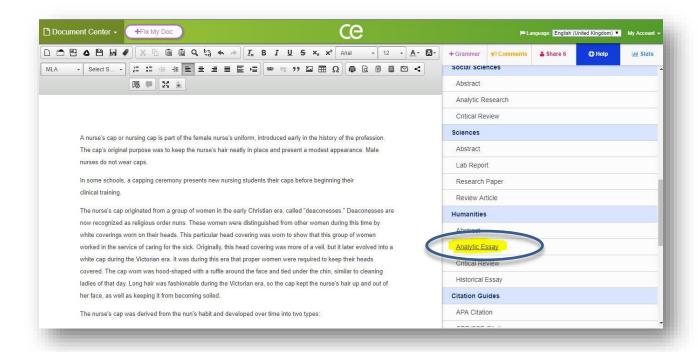
### Improve Your Writing in Six Easy Steps!



### One: Learn how to Draft the type of Document You want to Write

The first decision you have to make is what type of document you plan to write. This is important because different documents often require different writing styles and/or structures. A professional, analytic research paper is very different from a persuasive essay. For help understanding some of the differences among the many types of documents you may write, always use the **writing help** found in CorrectEnglish. You'll find instructional support covering a variety of topics as well as citation guides for APA, MLA, CBE/CSE and CMS.

Click the HELP tab at the top of the sidebar, scroll down and click on View Writing Help In the sidebar panel, you may select from among the many different types of documents and citation styles listed in the drop-down menu.

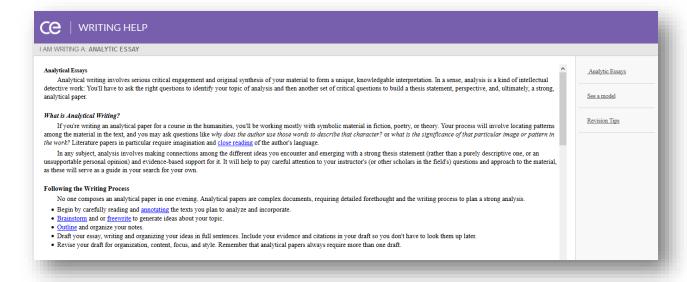


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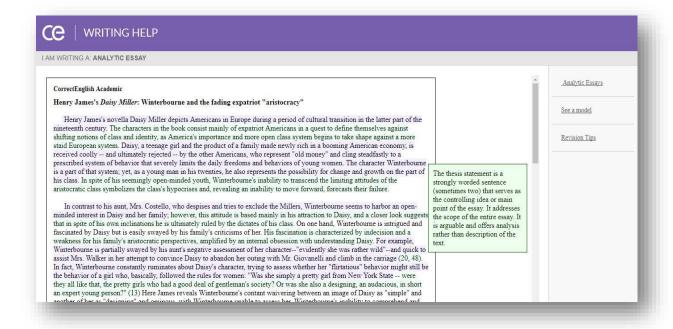
## 2. Step Two: View Writing Instructions and Study a Writer's Model

Always take a few minutes to review the instructions, writer's models, and revision tips. The instructions, broken down into style, content, focus, and organization, greatly simplify the writing process. Writer's models provide comparable examples and annotations explaining the various components of the type of document you are writing. Once you've completed a draft, the revision tips will help you validate the quality of your writing. Refer to these resources frequently throughout the writing process.

#### **Review the Instructions**



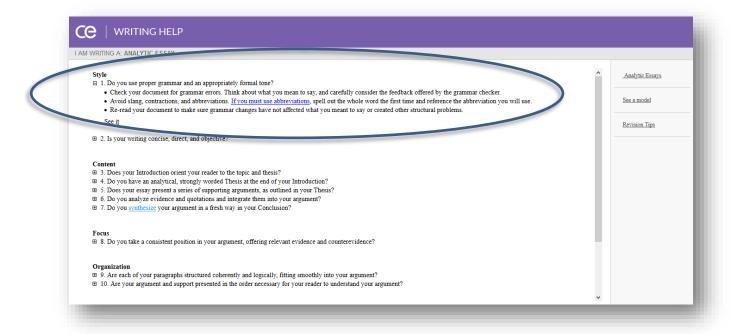
#### **Review the Writer's Model**



A Writer's Model is a sample of actual writing accompanied by commentary. Writer's Models help you *see* how another person approached the type of document you have to write. These models can also help you decide what your document should look like, and the commentaries will describe how each of the important features was developed.

☐ In the Writer's Model pop-up, hover your mouse above each of the colored sections of writing. Supportive commentary will appear in a pop-up next to the writing.

#### **Review the Revision Tips**



Revision tips enable you to accurately self-assess and revise. Clicking on the plus/minus icons provides detailed instruction and advice for the various writing domains. Visual references via the "SEE IT" link provides additional support for writers.

#### 3. Step Three: Fill Your Document with Meaningful Content

Now that you know more about the document you need to write and have seen a model, you can begin to draft your document. As you begin to write, don't focus on the formatting or grammar just yet. Just write. Keep your ideas flowing and try to get as much information written as you can. You can trim it later, but for now, just write!



If you need help finding information related to your topic or more effective word choices, click the HELP tab in the sidebar panel. There you'll find the research tools lexipedia and iseek.ai.

#### **lexipedia**

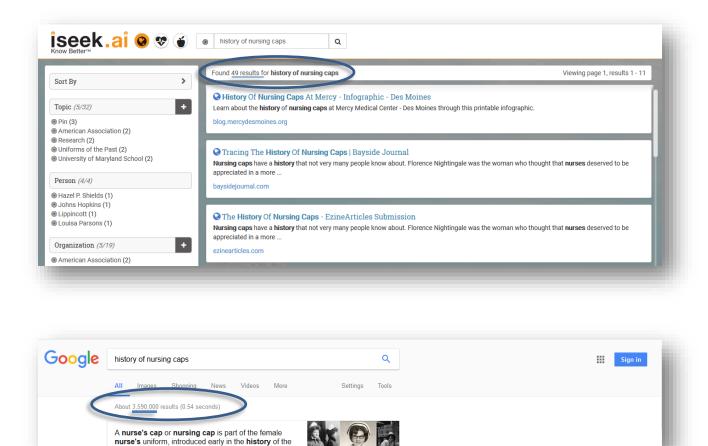
Enter a *word* in the lexipedia search box to find definitions, synonyms, antonyms, and more. The results of your search will display in the panel. Click on any result to launch a new webpage with more information and suggestions.



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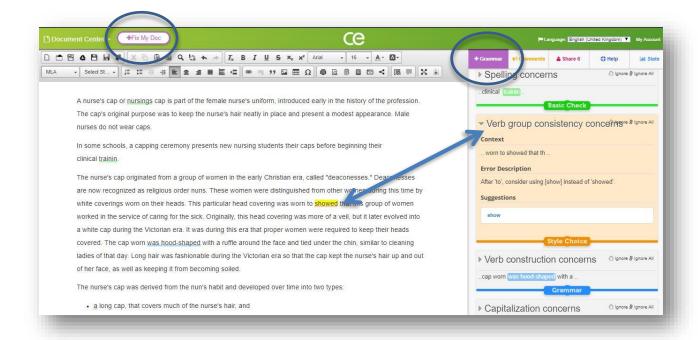
Enter a *term or phrase* in the iseek<sup>™</sup> search box to find the web resources needed for your document. The results of your search will display in the sidebar panel. Click on any result to launch a new webpage with more comprehensive information. iseek parses search requests to better understand specifically what the writer is looking for and then returns more relevant

results, greatly reducing the amount of time the writer has to dedicate to research (See iseek/Google comparison below: 49 search results vs. 3,590,000 search results).



### 4. Step Four: Check Your Document for Mechanics, Grammar, and Usage Errors.

Once you're comfortable with the content in your document, it is time to make sure your writing adheres to the rules of Standard English. Click the **GRAMMAR** tab in the sidebar panel, and then click the +**Fix My Doc** button to run a check of your document. A summary of errors/concerns will appear in the sidebar:



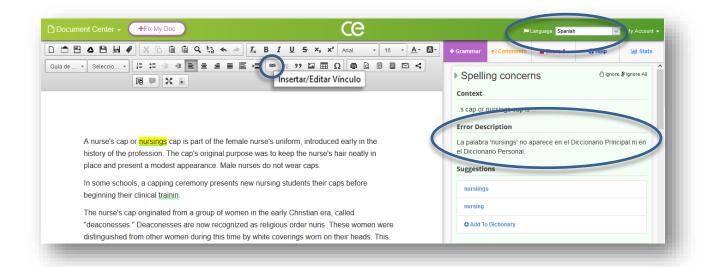
- <u>Basic Check</u>: In this category you will find mechanical errors, such as spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. These are often considered the most important errors to correct because they affect the most basic components of writing—words and sentences. *Address these errors first!*
- Grammar and Usage: In this category you will find grammar errors. These errors are related to how you have chosen or arranged words within your sentences. Address these errors second!
- <u>Style Choice</u>: In this category you will find certain style errors. These errors are often a
  matter of personal writing style, and you may decide not to make any of these
  suggested changes. *Address these errors last.*

Clicking the error in the sidebar will highlight it in your document and display an informative pop-up. A grammar checker works best when you run it, make changes, run it again, make changes again, and so on. Each time you make a small improvement to your writing, the grammar checker will improve its accuracy. The worst way to use a grammar checker is to run a check once and think you're done!

#### **Spelling and Grammar in Multiple Languages**

CorrectEnglish provides feedback on spelling and grammar in 9 languages: English, English (United Kingdom), Chinese (Traditional), Chinese (Simplified), French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. To switch to a specific language, simply select from the language dropdown. You'll then receive feedback in your native language.

*Note:* The roll-overs for the icons in the document center header will also convert to your native language.



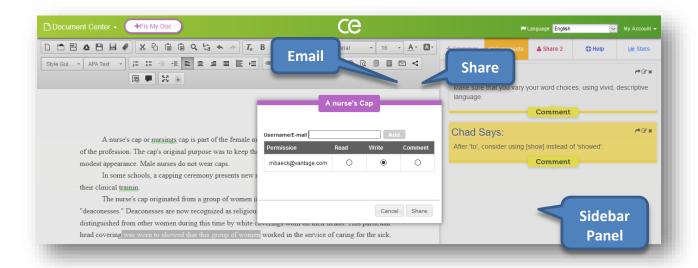
#### 5. Step Five: Get a Second Opinion on Your Document

For most writers, it can be difficult to make an objective evaluation of their own writing. The longer we spend writing our document and the more we like what we've written, the harder it is for us to *objectively* answer, "How good is it really?"

One tried and true method writers use to "hear" their words objectively is to read the document out loud. Seriously! Find a quiet place and read your work slowly and clearly out loud. You'll find hearing your words will make you think differently about your writing.

You may also consider collaborating with a trusted friend or instructor who can provide additional feedback. There are a two ways you can do this in **CorrectEnglish**.

- 1. To send a copy of your document via email, click the **EMAIL** icon and follow the directions. The recipient will receive a copy of your document attached to an email.
- 2. To share your writing with another CorrectEnglish user and allow this user to add comments directly to your writing, begin by clicking on the SHARE icon. Then, follow the directions provided. Comments received regarding your writing will appear in the sidebar panel.

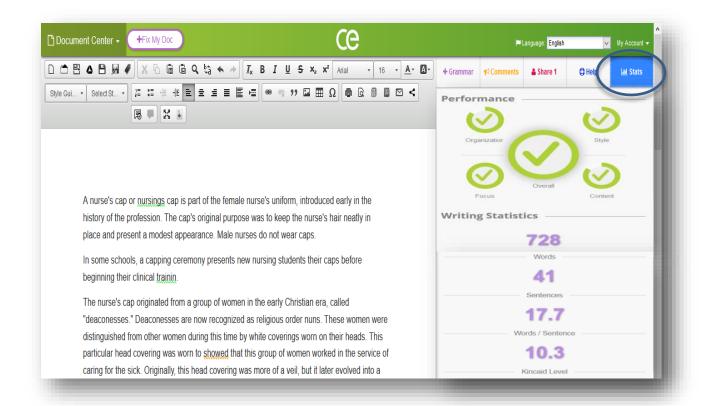


#### 5. Step Five continued

By clicking on the **STATS** tab in the side panel, you can quickly review your general writing performance against a variety of metrics.

These statistics are determined by our advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) and linguistic technologies. You can think of these stats as an additional "second opinion" regarding your document. Our AI engine doesn't know what you're writing or why you're writing, but it will provide general insight into the quality of your writing compared to other documents like yours.

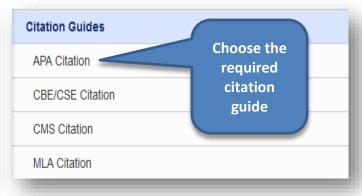
- ☐ The overall stats provide a "holistic" view of your writing.
- ☐ The domain stats look more closely at specific aspects of your writing.
  - Organization: How well your ideas are tied together, including the opening and closing of your document, as well as transitions you use throughout the document.
  - o <u>Focus</u>: How well your document remains focused on its main idea.
  - <u>Content</u>: How thoroughly you develop your ideas; it does NOT consider whether the information you are writing is correct or incorrect, true or untrue.
  - o Style: The diversity of your word choice and sentence variety.
- □ Additional statistics include:
  - Number of words
  - Number of sentences
  - Average words per sentence
  - Kincaid Readability Index (grade level)

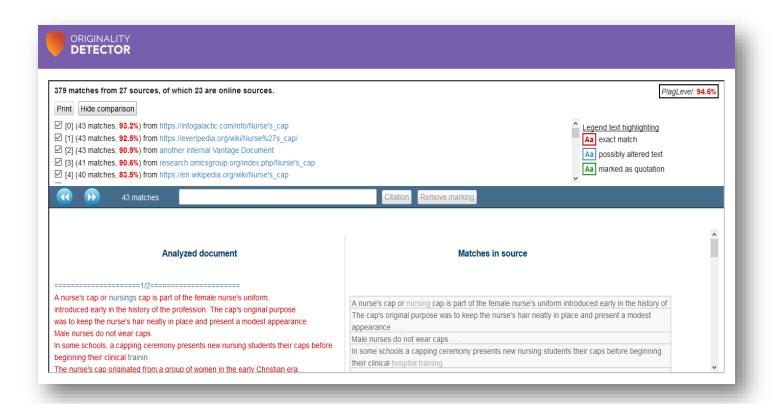


#### 6. Step Six: Check for Originality

The process of weaving others' ideas into one's own is a challenging one, not to mention a critical step on the path to higher levels of education. That's where the Originality Detector comes in. The Originality Detector will scour the Web and our own proprietary database of essays to alert you to text that must be cited. The CorrectEnglish platform will then provide you with detailed citation support.







#### For Additional Support Please Contact Customer Support

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