

Third Person point of view

Change the following sentences to the third person point of view.

1. I believe we need to solve these problems.
2. There are many restaurants where you can eat endangered animals.
3. If our environment is not protected, our children will suffer the most.
4. You will really enjoy learning how to play the piano.
5. We French like to shake hands and kiss on both cheeks when meeting someone.
6. You should make more effort to recycle trash.
7. Now, I'm going to write about the reasons why discrimination against foreigners should be stopped.
8. I think that choosing to study English was the best choice for me.
9. It is bad for your health if you don't eat breakfast.
10. We should change our Constitution because it is outdated.

Academic Register. Change the casual / emotional language to make it more formal.

1. In the old days, we didn't see as many crimes as we do nowadays.
2. Tuna is more delicious than whale. Besides, it is much cheaper.
3. I love to eat Italian food. For example, pizza, pasta, and lasagna.
4. I like *anime* films, for example, *Kiki's Delivery Service* and *Your Name*.
5. One bad point of Hollywood movies is the depiction of women.
6. The death penalty is a horrible law that needs to change.
7. Kawabata's writing made a big contribution to culture.
8. But the government wasn't sure what to do next.
9. Her parents did not admit her to stay out past midnight.
10. We can easily see the bad points of this policy.

Reporting verbs

These are some common reporting verbs. Can you think of some others?
Add them to the list.

argue / state / found / claim / suggest / conclude / note / believe

Hedging (Hyland)

Experienced academic writers use a hedge about one word in every 50 on average. Hedging has three purposes: precision, protection, and politeness. Hedging is difficult for L2 writers to use because they have problems expressing precise degrees of certainty or doubt.

Top 10 academic hedges: assume / might / could / possibly / indicate / seem / likely / suggest / may / would

Find some examples of hedging in the following text.

(Provide an appropriate passage based on your teaching situation.)