

ACADEMIC WRITING ASSIGNMENT.

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Part I

Instructions: Read the two paragraphs and answer the following questions.

Paragraph 1	Paragraph 2
I think it's really important for students to get enough sleep. You know, a lack of sleep can seriously mess with your ability to focus and remember stuff for your classes. So, if you're not getting enough rest, it's gonna be tough to do well in school.	The importance of adequate sleep for academic performance is widely recognized. Research suggests that a lack of sleep can negatively impact cognitive functions, including attention span and memory consolidation, which are essential for academic success. Therefore, sufficient rest is a crucial factor in a student's scholastic achievement.

1. Which of the two paragraphs uses an appropriate academic voice?
2. What are two specific differences you notice between the paragraphs?
3. Which paragraph is more appropriate for a university essay and why?

Part II

Instructions: Sort the words and phrases below into the correct categories.

Furthermore So But I think In conclusion Consequently As a result Stuff like It's about For example
To sum up Nevertheless It is suggested that This is a big deal The document indicates Anyway In addition Let's say Check here However

Academic Language	Informal Language

Instructions: Match each academic signal word to its function. Drag the word from the left and drop it next to its correct function on the right.

For example

Summarizes or brings to a close

In contrast

Highlights a specific detail

Therefore

Shows a difference or opposition

Moreover

Provides a specific case

In particular

Introduces an additional point

To conclude

Shows a result or consequence

Instructions: Rewrite the following sentences to make them sound more academic. Your goal is to change informal words and phrases to formal ones.

- "The study was kind of a big deal."
- "People think that social media is bad, but it can also be a good thing."
- "So, the research shows that kids who get more sleep do better in class."