

Writing | Part 1

An essay

Read this advanced student's essay and divide it into four paragraphs. Rewrite it, replacing the words and phrases in *italics* with one of the more formal expressions in box A. You should also replace the verbs underlined with one of the more formal verbs in box B.

A

almost certainly assured an alternative despite following this advice
finally find the workload manageable firstly however
in addition in my opinion in your own mind
one method of doing this purely the teaching methods
~~there is no doubt that~~ ultimately prove disastrous

B

analyse establish ~~gather~~ inquire locate require transfer

Methods students should adopt to select the right university

I'm sure that choosing what to study at university is one of the biggest decisions you will ever make in your life. This is because if you make the right choice, a successful future is ***probably guaranteed***. ***But*** making the wrong one can ***be a catastrophe at the end of the day***. So how can you ensure success?

To start with, I believe you should ***get*** as much information as possible. ***A good way*** is to talk to people who are already attending the course you are interested in, ***find out*** what their experience of it has been. ***Ask*** about ***how it's taught*** and whether they benefit from the lectures and seminars. Check how many contact hours they have per week, and whether they ***can cope with all the work they get***. ***Another thing you can do*** is to go online: you can also ***find*** the information you ***need*** in forums and chat rooms. And, ***examine*** your motivation for doing the course. Be very clear ***what you yourself think*** about whether you are doing it ***just*** for interest and enjoyment, or to qualify for a career. So, if ***after you've done what I suggested*** you are still unfortunate enough to find you've made the wrong decision, ***I think*** the best thing you can do is to talk to your tutors and find out whether it is possible to ***move*** to another course.