



Factsheet 9 – Language Support and Practice



1. Language practice/preparation

- We would recommend the following website <http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/> as an excellent way to learn about university level teaching in the UK and to develop your confidence in reading and listening to English for understanding. There are some really helpful exercises on this website.
- Try to develop a subject specific vocabulary by reading online articles and listening to lectures and broadcasts online.
- There is a useful 'lesson' on academic English here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/intermediate/unit-30/session-1>
- Listen to radio programmes and watch TV programmes in English to develop your confidence.

2. Support at the University

- Mark Illman, Academic Skills Adviser, will provide diagnostic testing for international students during the first weeks of their study.
- You should contact library helpdesk/Infozone to make an appointment to see him and he will give you a writing task to assess your language, advise on a language development path and direct you to the workshops that he will run for international students.
- This information will be published online via learning services and the library nearer the semester start.
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