



## Struggling with Writing?

Writing is one of the essential components in Selective Entry and other exams. Many students struggle with writing in English and it can seem like a real challenge to improve. Don't worry, though!

Here are some simple steps that you can take to improve your written English for exam success.

### 1. Expand your vocabulary

Vocabulary is the cornerstone of good writing. For a clear and effective writing expression, we need a good and active vocabulary. This consists of not just recognition of words and knowledge of their meanings – it actually means the ability to use them correctly. Do this by learning new words with example sentences, not just word lists.

**Tip:** When you learn a new word, try to learn all the forms of that word and the prepositions that are usually used with it. (For example, rather than just the word “”, make a note of: to depend on, to be dependent on, a dependant.)

### 2. Master English spelling

You must know how to spell those words correctly. Incorrect spelling changes the meaning of your sentence. For example: 'bare' and 'bear' sound the same but 'bare' means naked and 'bear' is a large animal. Additionally, incorrect spelling makes it difficult for the reader to understand what you've written.

**Tip:** Practise your spelling using flash cards and test yourself whenever you have some spare time.

### 3. Read regularly

People often say that we learn to write best by reading. Reading in English is useful in many ways. It is a great way to get an idea of the different styles of writing and see how to use words appropriately.

**Tip:** Choose books or articles with topics that interest you. Learning shouldn't be boring. Read each text several times to make sure you understand how to use new words and expressions in the text.

### 4. Improve your grammar

Grammar is very important because it improves the quality of your writing. Always use the appropriate tense and remember to use punctuation. Punctuation is a great way to make your writing clear and fluent.

**Tip:** Always proof-read your writing twice. The first time, look for general mistakes and the second time look for mistakes with the particular grammar point you are studying at the moment.

### 5. Just do it!

Writing can be daunting. However, the best way to improve is get a pen and paper or sit in front of your computer and actually write. Be prepared to write several versions of each text because even for professional writers, the first draft is never perfect. Remember, practice makes perfect, so now is the best time to sit down and get started.

# Melbourne Tutorials Online Portal



Dear students and parents,

The Melbourne Tutorials online portal has been created to improve exam competence and confidence in our students.

Melbourne Tutorials online portal has various topic tests/ quizzes and mock tests.

The purpose of these quizzes is to improve speed and accuracy in the various components of Selective Entry and other competitive exams.

The tests are added progressively and students are advised to practise regularly.

Students should take these tests multiple times to gain proficiency.

An eventual score of 95% and above should be aimed at as the desirable outcome.



## Parents' role in their child's studies



Allocate suitable study space

Help develop organizing skills

Supervision and association

Study-centric approach

Supporting your child in studies is a priceless investment.

# Learning Formulas in Mathematics

As Selective Entry students are waiting for the exam date it is important to ensure a firm grasp over the relevant formulas.

For most students the task becomes daunting due to the numerous formulas that students have to learn. Consequently, the students might end up confused and stressed before the actual examination.

Learning formulas gives students confidence and boosts their self-esteem. The test is a race against time involving 60 questions to be done in 30 minutes. If the students are not sure of the relevant formula for a particular question, they remain confused and tend to take much more time in solving a question and may still get the answer wrong.

Here are some practical memory tricks to help you remember Mathematics formulas more effectively.

## Develop Understanding:

- Understand how the formula is derived. Once you understand the logic behind the formula, learning becomes easy.

## Formula Notebook and Formula wall:

- Make a small notebook to write all the formulas topic and subtopic wise. This is your Formula notebook. Keep adding all the formulas into this. For example, Exponents, Straight Line, Probability, Statistics, Financial Maths, Areas, Volumes etc.
- You may also write the same formulas on loose A4 paper sheets and stick them up in your study to make a "Formula wall".

## Revise:

- Allocate a specific time during the day for formula revision- 30 minutes per day. This time can be gradually reduced (25 minutes, 20 minutes, 15 minutes etc.) as you start having the formulas imprinted in your mind.
- Use the formula notebook and wall to revise.
- Use the technique- Look, Say, Cover Write, taking one topic at a time
- Rote learning: Learn the formulas as a repetitive process. Keep revising.

## Do Practice Questions base on the formulas:

- Do practice questions to use the specific formulas.
- Write the formula before you solve any question.



"Wait, we're squaring numbers now? We just figured out how to round them!"

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