

Goblin Tools for Academic Tone

Academic Tone Revision Activity

You are a group of students who have written the passage below, only to be told your writing needs to have a stronger academic tone:

The world is currently facing an absolutely terrible and growing problem with wealth inequality. How is this so? Over the past 40 years, the gap between the earnings of the bottom twenty percent of the American population and the top one percent jumped up by more than 10 times. This has clearly contributed to political and social unrest in recent years and will continue to be a problem. One frequently talked about fix is to bring in a basic universal income. While some people don't like the idea, it shouldn't be feared. In my opinion, there are two convincing arguments for launching basic universal income programs.

Experiment with [Goblin.tools's Formalizer](#) to get ideas for how to revise for a more formal tone. This tool is designed to convert text to a different tone you select.

Step 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy and paste the passage into the first text box.• Select 'More Formal' from the dropdown menu.• Click 'Convert.'• Copy and paste the output to the right →	Output:
Step 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change the selected tone from 'More formal' to 'More Professional.'• Click 'Convert.'• Copy and paste the output to the right →	Output:
Step 3: <p>This tool allows you to control how 'strongly' you want the tone to come across.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change the selected tone back to 'More formal.'	Output:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on the three chili peppers next to the tone dropdown menu. • Adjust the slider to 'one chili pepper.' • Click 'Convert.' • Copy and paste the output to the right → 	
<p>Reflect: Considering the three different outputs, reflect on the following questions and take brief notes to the right:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the 'formal' and 'professional' tones seem different? How? 2. What formality issues did this tool fix? Do any issues remain? 3. Did the tool's output use good hedging language? 4. Does the tool use any vocabulary you're not familiar with? 5. Do you think the output sounds like 'your voice' as a writer? 	
<p>Step 4: When revising with AI tools, it is strongly recommended to revise one sentence at a time – not whole paragraphs.</p> <p>Put only the following sentence into the tool:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">While some people don't like the idea, it shouldn't be feared.</p> <p>Experiment with different tones and different 'chili pepper' strengths. Does anything sound 'natural' to you? Copy and paste any options that sound reasonable to you to the right →</p>	<p>Output:</p>
<p>Reflect: Select the version you would be comfortable selecting as a revision to that sentence – or combine pieces and ideas to create a version you'd feel confident using.</p> <p>Add the revised sentence to the right →</p>	