

## Academic style

Although it is difficult to give rules for academic style which apply to all subject areas, there are certain principles which generally apply. In the following, first underline the examples of what you think may be poor style and then rewrite them in a more suitable way: If you wish, discuss your ideas with a classmate.

A. Not many people agree that healthcare is getting better.

It is not widely agreed that the quality of healthcare is improving.

B. I am sorry to say it but antisocial behaviour like bullying is going up in schools.

Antisocial behaviour, such as bullying, is on the increase.

C. We don't always trust what people write on the Internet.

The information published on the Internet is not always reliable.

D. The third thing is that most youngsters in the country will be unemployed after leaving school.

Thirdly, the majority of young people in the country are likely to be unemployed after leaving school.

E. I am sure that there's a big danger of more earthquakes, tsunamis etc.

There is a significant risk of further earthquakes and tsunamis.

F. Some time ago they made slavery illegal in America.

Slavery was abolished in the USA in 1865.

G. Unfortunately, the national debt in Brazil led to increased inflation, many companies going bust, and so on.

The national debt in Brazil resulted in increased inflation and bankruptcies of many companies.

H. One day, rather soon, they will be able to cure cancer.

The cure for cancer is very likely to be invented within the next decade.

I. What were the main results of the Eurozone financial crisis?

There were four main results of the Eurozone financial crisis.

**Now, look at the Powerpoint slides and check your ideas from the exercise.**

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