

# Contemporary Academic English

A comprehensive course for students in Higher Education

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## Teacher's Notes

### Introduction

The purpose of these Teacher's Notes is to provide you, the teacher, with support, ideas and encouragement when you teach *Contemporary Academic Writing*. Some of the ideas which are included in the Course Book may be new and unfamiliar, and therefore potentially a little bit frightening. Hopefully, once you have experimented with these ideas a few times, you will see the benefits and you will feel less afraid.

One of the main emphases of the Teacher's Notes is on getting students to work together, whether in pairs, small groups or as a whole class. Again, this may be a different or unusual approach for some teachers and classes, but once you see the reaction of students and the positive learning outcomes, you should see that it is an effective strategy. These Teacher's Notes will also provide additional information about the topic, notes on pronunciation, grammar advice, suggestions for follow-up activities, ways of taking feedback and references to skills development and common English examinations.

When using this book, you should not feel you have to use all the information which is given. You will need to teach your class at your pace and in a way which you and they are comfortable with. It is hoped that that a large part of what is contained here can be used in the majority of classrooms. If in doubt, you should always go with your own instinct. This book is meant as a guide and support rather than a definitive list of things that you should do.

**Note:** Although the reading texts in each unit are, of course, primarily intended for reading, they are also available as downloadable audio files at [garneteducation.com/caw](http://garneteducation.com/caw). Make sure that your students are aware that they can download and listen to these texts.

If you have any advice or comments or require any additional support for teaching *Contemporary Academic Writing*, please do contact us and let us know.

Good luck!

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