

Scientific Writing for Non-Native English-Speakers: Easy Language Tips and Coaching from an Experienced Academic Editor

“Publish or perish” can be a terrifying taunt for early career scientists across all disciplines, especially for those with English as a second or third language. Although timely and high-impact publications are a requirement for climbing the academic ladder, most researchers rarely have the time or opportunity to improve their science writing skills for publishing in English. In fact, a large number of manuscripts may face immediate rejection—even prior to review—simply owing to poor English. Don’t let this happen to you!

This half-day workshop will provide easy and logical tips to quickly improve your English scientific writing skills, tools to craft a powerful manuscript and reviewer response techniques, and a support framework to expand the limits of your comfort zone in scientific writing in English. We will use hands-on exercises to identify and remedy poor syntax, improve clarity with less words, and alleviate language barriers blocking your way to successful publication. Participants are invited to bring a manuscript or text they are working on, and will have the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one coaching session throughout the remainder of the IAGC-3 meeting.

The workshop will be led by Dr. Esther Posner, an American academic editor with a PhD in experimental and theoretical geochemistry and recipient of the American Geophysical Union’s 2018 Mineral and Rock Physics Graduate Research Award. Dr. Posner is passionate about effective science communication and has edited over 1000 scientific manuscripts written by non-native English-speakers. In 2022, Dr. Posner joined *Elements Magazine* as Executive Editor, while continuing to support scientists communicate their research in the most clear, efficient, genuine, and powerful way possible. To register or learn more, contact editor@elementsmagazine.org.



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