

Peer Editing 101

Are the words your peer has chosen suited to an academic paper?

Everyday words and slang are not always appropriate for an academic paper. Some words can be too general, such as “bad” or “good.” Some words may not convey the degree of professionalism students need to show in their writing. At the same time, papers shouldn’t be overloaded with big words that you have to look up; the student should use her own vocabulary.