

# The essentials of Sentence Structure

Learn how to design clear, straightforward sentences

## Course Outline

### Module 1: Introduction

- Step 1: How the course works
- Step 2: The essentials of writing clear science
- Step 3: How to manage the writing process

### Module 2: The basics of sentence structure

- Step 1: Common problems with sentence design
- Step 2: The difference between clauses and phrases
- Step 3: How to reduce sentences that are too long
- Step 4: Where to place your main point

### Module 3: The essentials of punctuation

- Step 1: Common problems with punctuation
- Step 2: How to use commas
- Step 3: How to use colons and semi-colons
- Step 4: How to punctuate your sentences
- Step 5: Course recap and additional resources

## Features

### Key course objectives:

- Learn how to design, edit and rewrite your sentences to improve clarity and meaning
- Learn how to punctuate your sentences without needing to first learn copious grammar rules

### Your personal course library contains:

- Lecture videos
- Lecture slide handouts # Writing exercises #
- Writing exercise example answers #
- Re-usable checklists #
- Re-usable worksheets (templates) #
- Resources and Recommended Reading (# URLs) (# downloadable)

### Course delivery:

#### Self-study students:

- Immediate access
- Self-guided learning

#### Premium students:

- Delivered over 3 weeks
- Weekly live tutorials (x4)
- Feedback on exercises

**Bookings & further information**  
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### About Marina Hurley and *Writing Clear Science*

Formerly an ecologist and insect-plant specialist, Marina has developed a unique and successful approach to the teaching of science writing. Since 2004, Marina has presented over 300 workshops and online courses through her *Writing Clear Science* course curriculum. Marina regularly teaches scientists, students and science professionals from all walks of scientific life and all science disciplines.



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