

## HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR **WRITING** SKILLS

| What you could do                   | Practical examples   |
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| <b>Read foreign-language texts</b>  | Find texts that suit your level, especially as a beginner.<br>Read regularly in the foreign language.  |
| <b>Read actively</b>                | Learn new words, expressions, structures, and spellings.<br>Read texts of the same genre, looking out for recurring phrases and expressions to learn.  |
| <b>Learn useful expressions</b>     | Create a list of useful expressions for introducing a concept/argument; linking paragraphs/ideas; contrasting one idea/argument with another; proposing an alternative; being persuasive, etc. |
| <b>Use appropriate dictionaries</b> | Check new words and expressions in bilingual dictionaries when a beginner, and in monolingual dictionaries once intermediate.<br>Use a thesaurus to find alternative words and expressions     |
| <b>Write regularly</b>              | Engage in foreign language discussions and conversations online  |
| <b>Engage with your writing</b>     | Look at work corrected by your teacher and make a list of your recurring errors. Ask the Language Advisers for exercises to help you eliminate these.  |

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