Writing for MPhil/PhD (HASS/ SAgE)
Semester 2 Syllabus

Lesson 1: Methodology I
- Typical moves & features of the methods section
- Practice on the passive voice

Lesson 2: Method/ology II
- A longer practical writing task covering the structure, tenses and language needed. Focus on balancing passive voice with active and the trend of the need to maintain the voice of the researcher

Lesson 3: Describing data I
- Describing & interpreting graphic & numeric data
- Location statements (topic summary and topic comment types + verbs/ tenses in these)
- Tenses in the results used with the presentation of key data results
- Tenses in the discussion of key data results
- Need to expand the section on comparative/ superlative vocabulary

Lesson 4: Describing data II
- Set up a practice task which covers the input from previous week
- Sts may bring in own samples of data and data writing for review.
- Peer review covering the input features

Lesson 5: Discussion I
- Structural features / Verb tense choices
- Language of speculation/ critique

Lesson 6: Discussion II
- Sts right up a complete version of the results from the table used in previous class
- Peer review of the input features

Lesson 7: Writing the conclusion
- Structure, tenses and language
- Practical writing task

Lesson 8: Presenting a paper
- Input on delivering a paper – structure, signposting, delivery, ppts

EASTER BREAK

Lesson 9: Conference abstracts
- Sts could write a summary of their research
- Review a number of conference abstracts from various fields for comparison
- Sts highlight structural/ language features they find useful and build in to own abstract

Lesson 10: Mini-conference
- Sts have the opportunity to present and be asked questions
- Group and teacher feedback