



# Study Skills – Web, App, and Paper-Based Resources

## Amazing Free Apps



### Quizlet and Studystack

<https://quizlet.com>

[www.studystack.com](http://www.studystack.com)

These are free, online flashcard makers which interface to smartphone apps as well as being usable on your computer. Quizlet incorporates audio (though its text-to-speech engine can be inaccurate), but both offer a variety of games and exercises based on the vocabulary and you can browse other people's flashcard sets.

### Memrise

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

This is a novel way to learn vocabulary, by associating vivid memories.

### MindMeister

[www.mindmeister.com](http://www.mindmeister.com)

MindMeister is a free mind and concept-mapping app for smartphone, PC and tablet. Share maps with others, export maps to Word and presentations.

### X-Mind

[www.xmind.net](http://www.xmind.net)

This is mind and concept mapping software.

### Wordflex

[www.wordflex.com](http://www.wordflex.com)

Wordflex mind-maps word entries into dynamic trees that are filled with synonyms, antonyms, syntactical associations, origins, context-sensitive definitions, phonetic pronunciations, or even slang usage and occasional illustrations.

### RefMe

[www.refme.com/uk](http://www.refme.com/uk)

RefMe is a reference generation tool. Use to scan the bar code of a book for the full reference to appear. Great to use in libraries.

### OfficeLens

[www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/apps/office-lens/9wzdncrfj3t8](http://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/apps/office-lens/9wzdncrfj3t8)

OfficeLens scans documents and then takes out unwanted content, such as ads.

### Unstuck

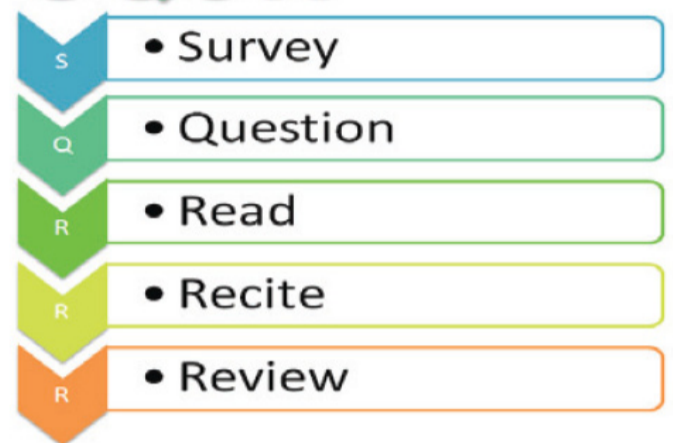
[www.unstuck.com](http://www.unstuck.com)

Unstuck takes you through an interactive menu to help identify what issues are preventing progress in study.

[www.ucl.ac.uk/disability](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/disability)

### Active reading

## SQ3R



Active reading – also known as SQ3R - Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review - is a powerful strategy which can transform the way academic reading is managed, reducing time spent on reading but fostering critical thinking and evaluative skills. There are numerous web based explanations of this strategy e.g.

[www.studygs.net/texred2.htm](http://www.studygs.net/texred2.htm)

### Memory Skills

TED - If you want to improve your memory watch this highly entertaining and helpful talk:

[www.ted.com/talks/joshua\\_foer\\_feats\\_of\\_memory\\_anyone\\_can\\_do?language=en](http://www.ted.com/talks/joshua_foer_feats_of_memory_anyone_can_do?language=en)

# Study Skills – Web, App, and Book-Based Resources



## UCL Study Skills Leaflets

Short, accessible, tried and tested strategies for:

- Effective Reading
- Essay Writing
- Note-Taking
- Time-Management
- Examinations: Preparation and Technique

🌐 [www.ucl.ac.uk/disability/studyskillsinfosheets](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/disability/studyskillsinfosheets)

## UCL Student Psychological Services

🌐 [www.ucl.ac.uk/student-psychological-services](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/student-psychological-services)

UCL Student Psychological Services Online Support and Information Pages contain useful links to information about coping with stress, sleeping problems and a wide range of other emotional issues which can affect study. SPS also run personal development workshops.

## The Open University

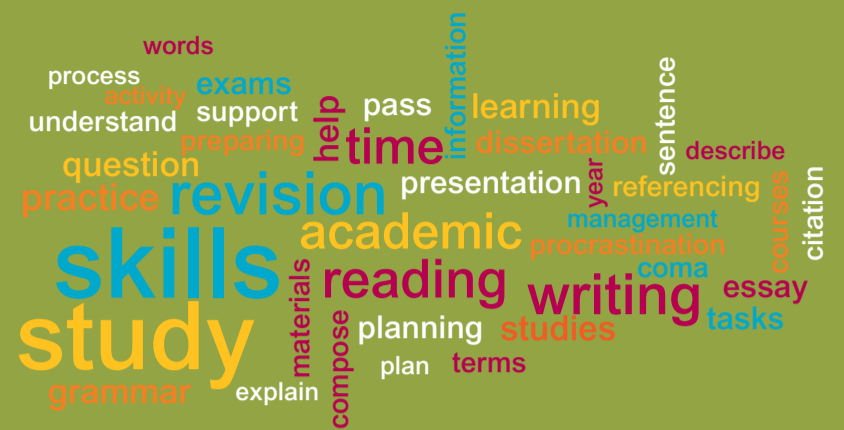
🌐 [www2.open.ac.uk/students/skillsforstudy](http://www2.open.ac.uk/students/skillsforstudy)

The Open University has excellent free study skills resources on its website.

## Southampton Solent University

🌐 <http://mycourse.solent.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=90>

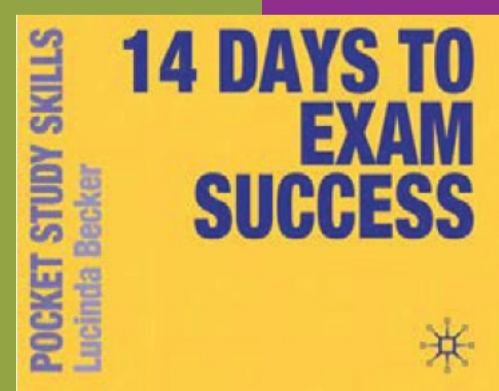
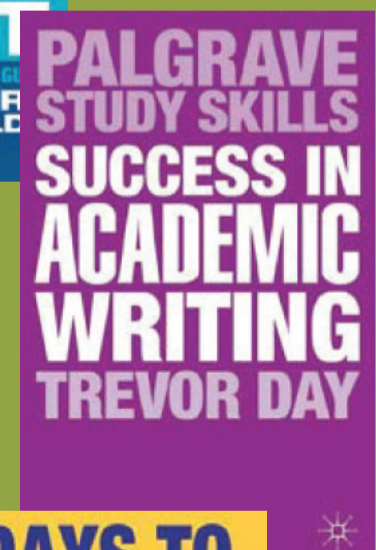
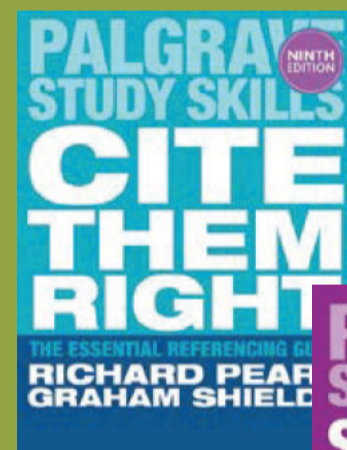
Southampton Solent University also has excellent interactive study skills resources, most of which are open to anyone and many are delivered through online tutorials.



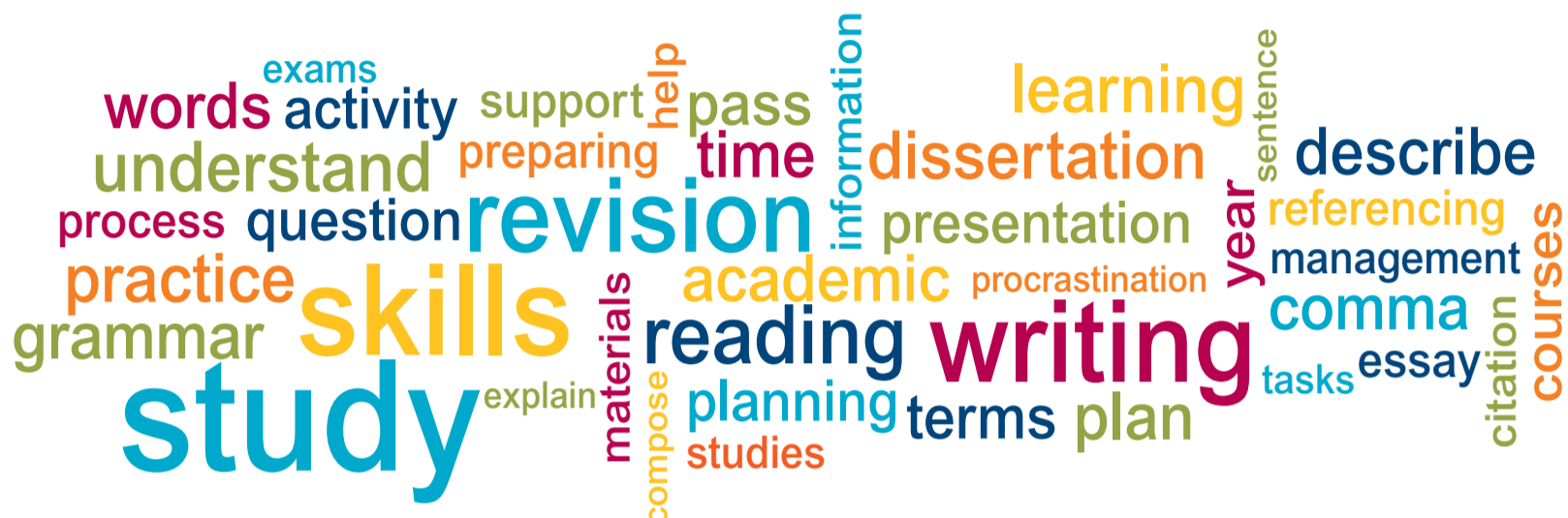
## The Palgrave Study Skills Series of books

The Palgrave Study Skills Series of books is an excellent library of resources, covering general as well as specialised aspects of study at university. Includes separate books covering exam skills, critical thinking, research and writing skills, writing dissertations and referencing and citation. Many are also in ebook form

🌐 <http://www.palgrave.com/page/study-skills>



## One to One and/or Group Based Help with Academic Study Skills at UCL



### UCL IOE Academic Writing Centre

[www.ioe.ac.uk/study/147.html](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/147.html)

The Academic Writing Centre provides support for IOE students in the form of short courses (face to face and online), one-to-one tutorials (face to face, Skype or phone), online discussion forums, and online resources. The Centre supports both home and international students and also offers pre-sessional support to students who have yet to commence their study at the Institute.

### SELCS Writing Lab

[www.ucl.ac.uk/selcs-writing-lab](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/selcs-writing-lab)

The Writing Lab is a free service for undergraduate and MA students within SELCS and CMII, as well as students in the Faculties of Arts & Humanities and Social & Historical Sciences, and the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies (SSEES).

You can attend workshops, tutorials and walk-in clinics that offer you group or one-to-one support with your academic research and writing.

### UCL Doctoral School

[www.grad.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.grad.ucl.ac.uk)

The Doctoral Skills Development Programme is open to all postgraduate research students at UCL. The purpose of the programme is to expand generic research skills and personal transferable skills. Courses and training cover reading, writing, thesis preparation, statistics, mathematical packages and a very wide range of other skills.

[courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/list-training.pht](http://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/list-training.pht)

Find out what is offered in your department or faculty

Search the departmental or faculty webpages. For example, the History Department offers access to a Writing & Learning Mentor

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or email to arrange an alternative appointment:

[c.jeppesen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:c.jeppesen@ucl.ac.uk)

Chris is available to help support students in all aspects of learning and, in particular, with essay preparation and writing.

If all else fails...

If your department/faculty does not appear to offer study skills support ask whether such support could be available in the future. Until you ask, departments might not be aware of the need.

If you are struggling or having problems with your course, it is vital that you communicate at an early stage with your departmental tutors.