

## Useful Apps and Websites

### Writing Tool

[The Manchester Phrasebank](#) is a resource for academic writers with examples of common phrases according to each main section of a main research paper. It has many examples listed under different situations: describing the method process in chronological order, stating negative results, stating the implications, etc. The phrases, and the headings under which they are presented, can be used to help you think about the content and organization of your work. It can be helpful when you are stuck on how to start the paper or need to build up sentence variation

[Dalhousie Writing Resources](#) has a collection of writing tip sheets and writing samples for different subjects: biology, social works, medical, management, business, etc. Under the “Graduate Students” section, you can find resources for publication, research proposal, dissertation, academic job application, and grant writing. To prepare for applications, look through some [sample resumes](#) under the “Writing for Work” section for guidelines on how to highlight and quantify your previous experiences.

[QuillBot](#) is a website that has summarizing, paraphrasing, and grammar checking functions. It is helpful when you want to edit certain sentences for a change of vocabulary. The paraphrasing function can help you identify words that can be changed with synonyms.

The screenshot displays the QuillBot website's paraphrasing tool. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'QuillBot', 'Paraphraser', 'Summarizer', 'Grammar Checker', and 'Extensions'. A 'Get Premium' button and a 'Login' link are also present. The main interface shows a text input area on the left with the text: 'The University of Toronto is a global leader in research and teaching. We provide diverse and extensive areas of study organized around intimate learning communities. That is what creates an exceptional learning environment for our students. Customize your education at U of T and join a network of over 560,000 accomplished alumni around the world.' Below this text is a 'Rephrase' button. On the right, the paraphrased text is shown: 'The University of Toronto is a world-class research and teaching institution. We provide a wide range of study options that are organised around small-group learning communities. That is what makes our classrooms stand out. Customize your education at U of T and become a part of a global network of over 560,000 distinguished graduates.' The interface includes a 'Modes' dropdown set to 'Fluency', a 'Synonyms' slider, and a character count '350/400 Characters'. A legend at the bottom indicates 'Changed Words' (orange), 'Structural Changes' (yellow), and 'Thesaurus' (purple).

[TwinWord Writer](#) is a tool for finding synonyms. Copy and paste your work to the website and click on the word you want to change. List of synonym suggestions is given, and a dictionary is included.

## Reference Manager

Reference managers are tools for collecting and organizing research information and sources. It is designed to store, manage, and cite bibliographic references, such as books and articles. Once you download the software, you can save articles onto your desktop from websites as pdfs for highlighting and annotation. Additional plugins allow you to directly insert citations and bibliography into word processors.

	<a href="#">Zotero</a>	<a href="#">Mendeley</a>	<a href="#">EndNote</a>
Price	Free (300MB Cloud Storage)  You can maintain a library of citations and documents on ONE local computer drive without having to use Zotero's cloud storage	Free (2GB Cloud Storage)	One time purchase for ~\$175 (student discount) <a href="#">UofT's Bookstore</a> or <a href="#">EndNote's website</a> .
Collaboration	Yes Unlimited private or public groups with free account	Yes Unlimited public groups, only 1 private group (3 members) with free account	Yes
Pros	Best for saving non article web pages (automatically saves non-pdf web page into pdf)  Has plugin for Google Docs	Can collaborate on annotating and highlighting PDFs as a group (each member's colour is different)  Has social networking features that allows you to connect with other researchers	Best for doing systematic reviews and managing long documents and a large reference collection

For more comparison of the three software:

[Pros & Cons of Citation Managers](#)

[Citation Managers Comparison Table](#)

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