

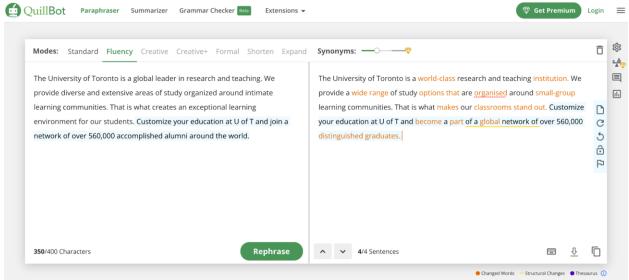
Useful Apps and Websites

## Writing Tool

<u>The Manchester Phrasebank</u> 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

<u>Dalhousie Writing Resources</u> 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 <u>sample resumes</u> under the "Writing for Work" section for guidelines on how to highlight and quantify your previous experiences.

<u>QuillBot</u> 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.



<u>TwinWord Writer</u> 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.

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

For more comparison of the three software: <u>Pros & Cons of Citation Managers</u> <u>Citation Managers Comparison Table</u>

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