

Reaching out across the world: A web-based learning resource for international students coming to the UK

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 - Singapore
 - Slovenia
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Study pathways

If there is a particular skill that you would like to practice or a topic that you would like to explore, you can have a study pathway through the learning resources in Prepare for Success. To do this, click on a topic or a topic you have been asked to choose an activity from the list on your page.

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critical thinking
comparing academic writing

Critical thinking

The most difficult aspect for me is to compare, contrast and evaluate information. -Pablo

Critical thinking is an important skill needed for university study in the UK. On your course you will be expected to have information about your subject but you will also be expected to reflect in a careful and critical way about what you are learning. Selecting a critical thinking activity such as comparing a particular point of view being expressed or identifying the assumptions that underpin a particular statement or text will help you to do this. These activities will help you to understand what critical thinking means in terms of your academic study and also identify which critical thinking skills you may need to develop.

Activity 1 Comparing academic writing

Activity 2 What is critical thinking?

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UK academic study: Frequently asked questions

How many questions will I be asked? How long will it take to answer? How many questions will I be asked? How long will it take to answer?

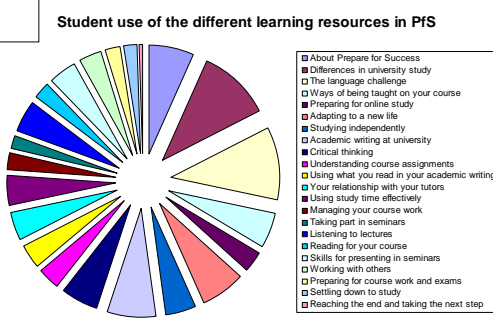
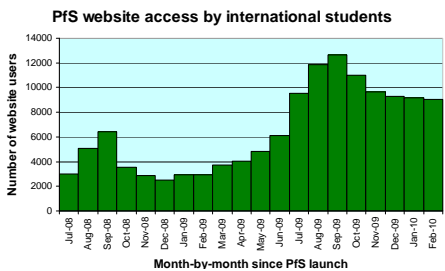
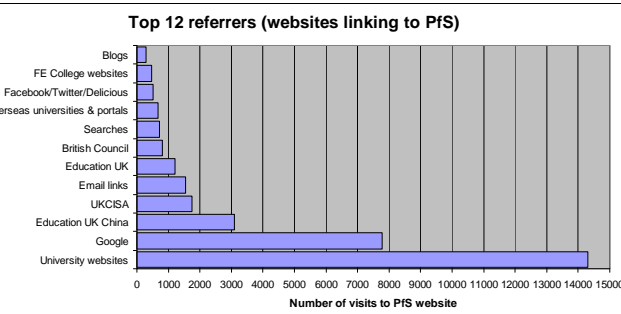
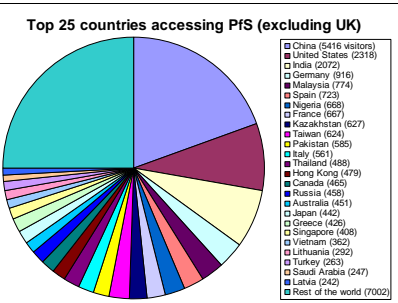
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What is a question?
What is a reading week?
What should I do if I am late with my course work?

Students can create their own study pathways through the learning resources, selecting resources by skill or topic.

The resources in Prepare for Success offer multi-media learning activities for students to do. These are scaffolded with feedback, help and answers.

Prepare for Success is a free interactive web learning tool for international students who are getting ready to come to the UK for study in further or higher education. It contains learning resources which are activity-based to help students find out about different aspects of academic life in the UK and the skills needed for effective study. The learning activities also provide scope for English language improvement.



What do students say?

Specific, practical, useful

Tips are helpful, very well organised and gracefully arranged onto the website.

I really liked it, especially the videos. It was helpful to have the UK learning style explained, together with the differences between tutorials, seminars etc.

Prepare for Success is a brilliant resource for international students who want to study in UK. I think everyone who has a desire to study here should click on this website.

For me the cultural notes - like the ways of addressing your tutor - were particularly important.

A very good tool that gave me the answer to a lot of questions. I really thank the University of Southampton for this online toolkit.

Thanks for setting up this sort of thing. Really appreciate it. Everyone that will be going to study in the UK must go through it at least once. Really useful and informative.

I'm very impressed. I appreciate the fact that the UK Government has made this tool available to assist international students who wish to study in the UK for the first time.

It has been extremely useful in getting prepared for studies in UK. It has highlighted topics that are usually not thought about and ignored.

It has been really helpful and I think it made me physically and mentally ready for my study in the UK.