

Doing Philosophy: Website

Home page

Welcome to the companion website for *Doing Philosophy: A practical guide for students* (second edition). The content here is designed for you to apply some of the ideas from the book to support your general understanding of philosophy. We have also included some ideas to extend the skills covered in the book and a selection of online resources with notes on their use.

The main sections of the website are:

- Analysing arguments: this section provides practice for you in reading and understanding philosophical arguments and texts. It can be used as part of your individual study, with fellow students, or under the guidance of a tutor. The texts selected and the questions asked are designed to cover many aspects of philosophical study covered in the book, including longer essay-type responses.
- Reading more logic: here you get a chance to practise further reading of formal logic in the context of its use in the philosophy you are likely to encounter in first-year courses; additionally we provide some notes on reading predicate logic to support the advice on propositional logic in the book.
- Online learning and distance learning: here we build on the advice in the book on how to make the best use of virtual learning environments, with examples of the kinds of philosophical activities that make use of them. We also provide a very brief introduction to some of the philosophical questions raised by online learning itself.
- Reading groups and collaboration: here we provide additional guidance and some examples of how you can make effective and mutually supportive use of your reading and discussion opportunities.

- Writing and plagiarism: here we provide an example of what a 'Turnitin' originality report looks like for a philosophy essay; and some examples of philosophy assignments written in dialogue form.
- Resources: here we provide links to further resources that will help you with your studies in philosophy.

We have enjoyed putting these pages together and hope you enjoy working through the additional materials here. If you would like to comment on the website and suggest improvements on the content, please email: davidmossley@hotmail.com.

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