



How to improve your academic essay

TASK ONE: formal vs informal

Here are some examples of informal/non-academic language from your essays which you wrote on Tuesday. Can you think of more formal/academic ways of rewriting these sentences?

1. There are **a lot of** positive **things** about social media.

2. **So as I said**, social media can be helpful.

3. Social media is important for **everyone**.

4. Teenagers **always** use social media such as facebook and twitter.

5. It is a **great thing** that many parents make children reduce their use of social media.

6. **Now I will talk about** the positive aspects of social media.

7. People who use snapchat and facebook **get** stress and pressure.

8. By using social media **we** see **a lot of** beautiful people's pictures and fashion pictures, and it gives **us** depression.

9. Distraction is also one of the **big** problems.

10. **Some people often say** social media has serious privacy problems.

11. **I think that** changing passwords regularly and not using the same password between different social media are the best ways.
