

LC-1121 Communicating Sustainable Solutions

Autumn 2023



Aalto University
Language Centre

Session 8

- Peer review of recommendation drafts in class
- Instructions for the presentation peer review process

- Homework:
- Submit your rehearsal video to peers (4%)
- Revise your recommendation according to the peer feedback

Why peer feedback?

Improves
critical
thinking and
problem-
solving skills

Helps you to
reflect on your
own strengths
and
weaknesses

Improves your
communication
skills

Prepares you
for working life

Your own feedback experiences

Think of a situation where you received good feedback? What made it good? Share in groups of 3.

Good feedback

```
graph LR; A[Good feedback] --- B[Specific]; A --- C[Performance-focused]; A --- D[Balanced]; A --- E[Timely]; A --- F[Respectful];
```

Specific

Performance-
focused

Balanced

Timely

Respectful



One model for providing feedback: the hamburger/sandwich model

1. Start with something positive:

e.g. “ I thought the ideas in your report are really good and the connections are clear.”

2. Critique constructively:

e.g. “I found the language in the report quite informal. For example, I think the verb ‘take into consideration’ could be replaced with ‘consider’”

3. End with positive outcome:

e.g. “Using more formal language will make the report more academic.”

Peer review of recommendation report drafts



Aalto University
Language Centre

**You will be assigned a partner from
another other team**

Step 1 (20 min): Read the introduction and conclusion of the recommendation report assigned to you and prepare your comments **as a team** using the handout (Part 1) in MyCourses as a guideline.

Step 2: Exchange papers with the partner assigned to you

Step 3: (30 min): Read your partner's text and make notes in the peer review checklist (Parts 2-4) as you read

Step 4 (10 min): Discuss your feedback with your team members to check that your comments are valid

Step 5 (10 min / team, total 20 min): Get together with the other team to discuss the feedback on their introduction and conclusion

Step 6 (30 min total , 15 min / person): Discuss the feedback with your partner

Step 7 (15 min) : Get together with your team to discuss the changes you need to make to your introduction / conclusion / your own parts

Total time for peer feedback steps 1-7 is 2h 5mins

Homework instructions: presentation peer review



Aalto University
Language Centre

Peer review process

- **Same groups as in the recommendation report peer review**
- **Everyone watches the presentation recording at home and fills in the presentation peer feedback form individually (available in MyCo Session 8).**
- **Groups will synthesize their individual feedback in the next class.**

Homework

- **Submit your rehearsal video to peers (4%) by Mon 6 Nov**
- **Watch the rehearsal video of the team whose recommendation report you read and fill in the presentation peer feedback form. Bring it with you to our next class**
- **Revise your recommendation according to the peer feedback**