

## SCIENTIFIC ENGLISH, 24 lessons

**Purpose:** To improve scientific writing skills in English.  
To discuss the characteristics of an effective oral presentation in English at a conference.

### Tentative contents (emphasis on writing skills):

1. Style issues (Finnish versus Anglo-US **scientific writing**; current evolution in the style of journals in English)
2. Clarity and formality issues (tense choice; paragraph construction, topic sentences, end focus; connectors and cohesion; punctuation; vocabulary: word variety, academic verbs)
3. Information issues (hedging; quotations and citations; presenting visual information: graphs, charts and tables, and relating to them in the text)
4. Approaching the task: steps for writing
5. Standard format (title page; table of contents; summary/abstract; introduction/terms of reference; presenting facts and findings; discussion, drawing conclusions; giving recommendations; appendix/appendices; bibliography)
6. The publication process (article submission; interpreting and responding to editors'/referees' comments)
7. To distinguish between the style of English appropriate for written texts such as scholarly articles and for **effective oral presentations**; to discuss how Finnish (or another mother tongue) may interfere with oral English; to discover what terms in one's field are incorrect in stress-placement or pronunciation in US or British English, especially one's key words.

Final course contents will be planned on the basis of participants' needs.