

# ETH Library Information and Learning Environments

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### Peer feedback - how it works

# 1 Preparation

Question	Answer
Which phase of the writing process am I currently in?	
What am I currently having difficulties with?	
What do I want to improve?	
Why do I want feedback? What is my goal?	
What do I want feedback on?	
Examples: developing ideas, methodology, content/subject matter, language, comprehensibility of text, argumentation, scope, structure, certain text sections, layout, particular features of a specific text type, use of sources, citations, paraphrases or summaries, graphics, the writing and working process, etc.	
→ Pick out no more than one or two aspects	
Note: proofreading is not provided!	

# 2

## **Implementation**

- Ideally, no more than three people
- Discuss how much time you have
  - each person receives the same amount of time
  - or arrange an additional meeting (ideally, feedback should be given verbally)

### Note

- The conversation is confidential
- Treat your fellow students with respect
- Show empathy

Away we go! Briefly introduce yourself and your project:

- What kind of paper or text genre are you writing?
- What is your subject and research question? (max. two sentences!)
- What point are you at in the research and writing process?
- What do you want feedback on? (cf. table above)

How to give feedback	How to receive feedback
<ul> <li>Give praise! What do you like, what do you think is good?</li> <li>Critical, constructive, specific</li> <li>Objective (criticise the writing, not the writer)</li> <li>Communicate clearly and openly</li> <li>Explain why something isn't clear or doesn't work</li> <li>Give tips and examples of how to improve it</li> <li>Give examples of your own experiences and solutions</li> <li>Ask questions and reflect together (Why has the other person done something in a certain way? Why is something not working well? What support is needed?)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen, but also maintain a dialogue at the same time</li> <li>Take notes</li> <li>Question why something is good/not good</li> <li>Don't justify yourself (but remain critical)</li> <li>Take feedback seriously</li> <li>If required, summarise feedback and tips again in your own words</li> <li>Analyse what could be done differently in future</li> <li>Also: <ul> <li>You decide for yourself what to implement.</li> <li>Don't just think about errors and weaknesses, but also become aware of your own strengths!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Reflection, take-aways

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