

English for Academic Purposes

Assignment – 1

Due: Saturday, Feb 25, 2012;
by email attachment only.

Directions: Read the following paragraphs carefully. Then, **rewrite** so that the language will look **more academic**.

1. Notebooks, or many people call it laptops, have been more and more popular. Many people have sold their personal computers and bought a new laptop. The number of people who sold their PCs and bought a new laptop has increased from time to time. A computer store owner mentioned that last week he sold more than 300 laptops, while last year he sold only 5 every week. In the last computer expo, I saw many people also bought laptops that the price was very low. The low price is I think the factor that makes people move from PCs to laptops. This paper will talk about why people like laptops better than personal computer
2. I really do not understand how people behave on the roads. It seems that they don't care of anybody else. They are too egoistics, especially the bus drivers who suddenly stops everywhere. But they will honk very loudly if another traffic user is in front of them. This is absolutely not fair. Also, the motor riders who just turn left or right but they don't give any signs. I also don't like motor riders who send SMS while riding. They don't realize that they can be dangerous to other people who are on the roads. The becak drivers are also the same. They cross the road in any situation, while only waving their hands. I really hate people on the roads.