# Academic and Peer Support: How they can help your students!

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Hi I'm Vittoria. I'm a Language and Learning Adviser

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And I'm Nick and I'm a Writing Mentor

**[Vittoria]**

Students come to us, depending on the time of the trimester and ask us all sorts of questions. One common question that we are asked is 'How can I improve my English proficiency?' It can seem hard for students whose main language is not English to progress or feel that they are progressing in their academic studies. And what we do is talk to them and we try to uncover what areas of English language seem problematic. For example, it may be reading or it may be learning new vocabulary. And what we do is give them strategies and tips that will help them. So it is an individual plan that we work on.

**[Nick]**

As a Writing Mentor, I'm also a current student here at Deakin. We can help students with all facets of their assignments from the very beginning, when they first get the question, to when they are about to submit their final copy. So this can include how to interpret their assignment question, how to structure their essay, how to effectively research, or even just looking over specific parts where they feel may be, their writing doesn't quite flow as well as they would like to.

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