

Using Grammarly Safely

What is Grammarly?

Grammarly is a versatile writing tool that can help users improve the quality of written communication.

Benefits of Grammarly

Grammarly can help users to overcome certain writing challenges, such as grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and punctuation issues. Its features include suggestions to improve writing style and tone, as well as a plagiarism detector.

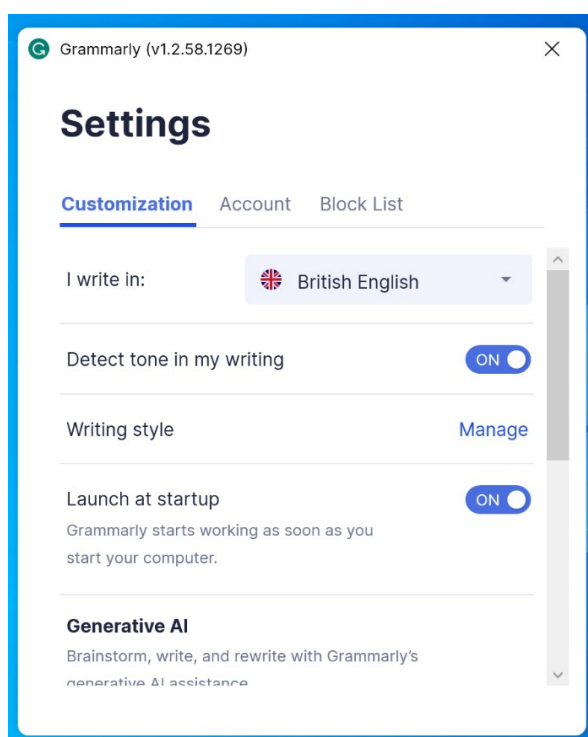
Potential issues with Grammarly

Grammarly also has some 'generative' AI functions (including GrammarlyGo) which can be picked up in assessment work by AI detection tools like Turnitin. These AI functions are turned on by default in both the free and paid versions of Grammarly. To get the benefits of Grammarly without getting caught out by this AI problem, users need to take some simple precautions.

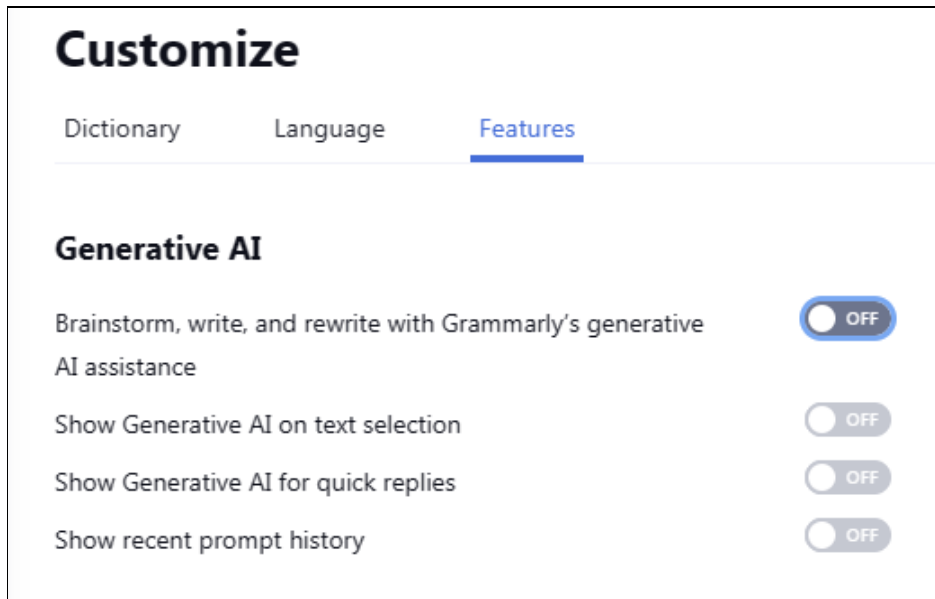
How can I use the free version of Grammarly safely?

You need to adjust the settings of Grammarly to turn off the 'generative' writing functions that could result in you being 'pinged' for AI use by AI-detection software (eg. Turnitin).

1. Open up your Grammarly settings. Click on the '**Customization**' tab. Change your writing to British English.



2. Click on 'Manage' your **Writing style**. Select the '**Features**' tab.
3. **Turn off** all the Generative AI functionalities



Do you have the Premium version of Grammarly?

The Customization features are different for the Premium version of Grammarly. We recommend that you **turn off** the following writing preferences.

First, and most importantly, log into your **Account** and click on **Customise – Features**. **Turn off GrammarlyGo**.

Then, click on **Customise – Writing Preferences** and **turn off** the following functions:

- Sound more confident
- Use gender-neutral generic pronouns
- Sound more positive
- Avoid ableist language
- Avoid biased language (all options)
- Avoid politically incorrect language
- Sound more personable
- Add transition words for clarity
- Combine sentences with related ideas
- Rearrange sentences for clarity
- Use word variety
- Use descriptive, vivid words

For more information see the Ara - Te Pūkenga written guidelines for ākonga on the responsible use of AI.

[Use of AI in assessments](#) – Guidelines for ākonga available on MyAra and Moodle