

Perspectives in Academic Writing



Intermediate-advanced level

What is a perspective?

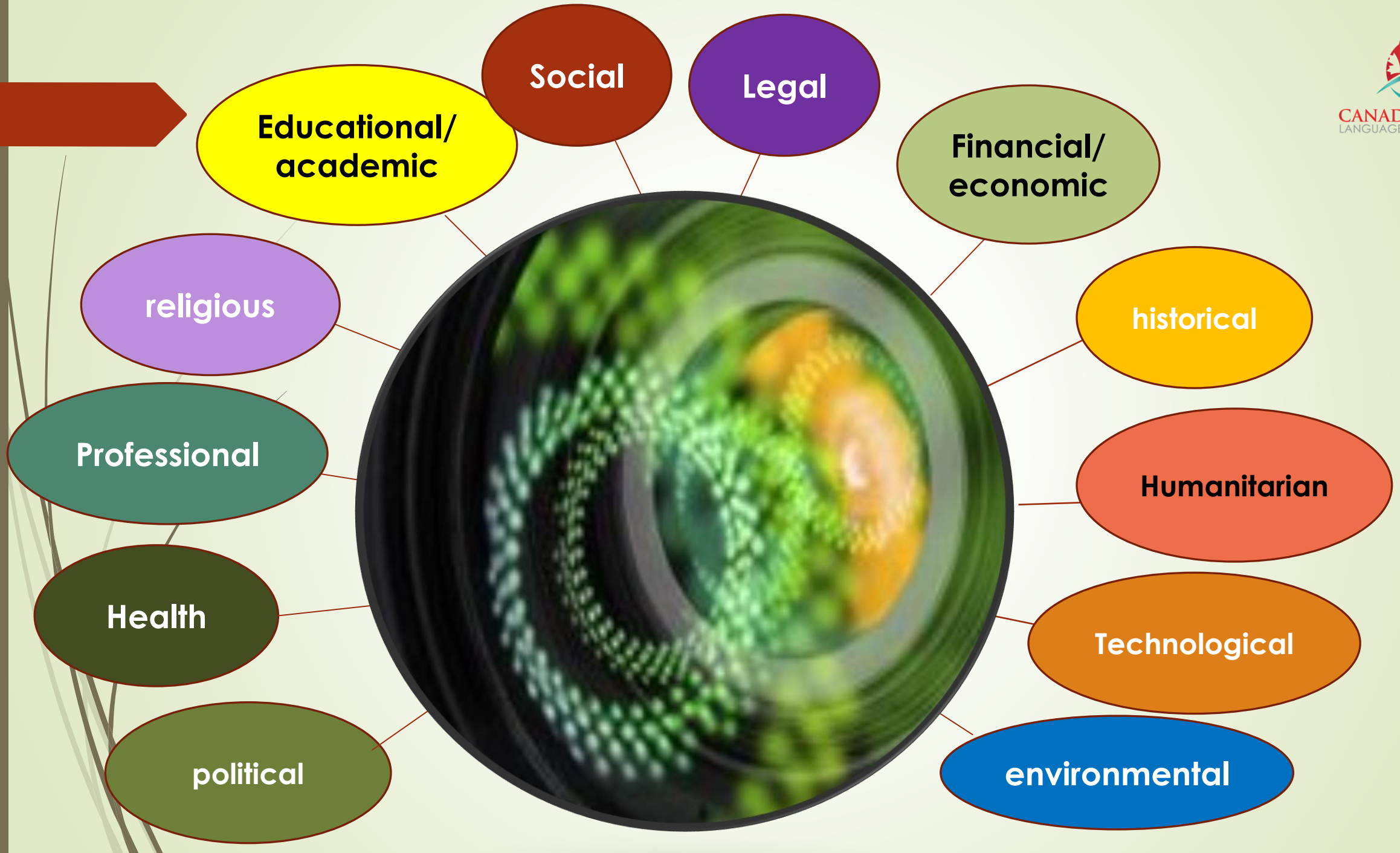
A perspective is an aspect that deals with a certain side of an issue or topic. It is NOT AN OPINION. It discusses an opinion/argument from different angles.

Any topic can be discussed from at least two perspectives. For example, the effects of overpopulation can be discussed from a social perspective by talking about poverty, and it can be discussed from a health perspective by talking about infections and medical resources.

Why are perspectives useful in academic writing?

- Using perspectives in academic discussions can create a variety of ideas that tackle a topic from different aspects in life.
- Planning a discussion with different perspective can easily generate ideas that are organized and connected.
- Writing using perspectives can ensure coherence and unity between paragraphs.
- In persuasive essays, perspectives provide objective argument of a position.
- Adding perspectives makes the level of writing more academic and the discussion more sophisticated.

Learn more the different perspectives in the next slide



The structure of Perspectives phrases

How to introduce perspectives in sentences.

Use adjectives

Ex: From a social perspective,.....

OR

Use adverbs.

Ex: Socially speaking,.....

OR

Use nouns

Ex: As far as society is concerned,.....