**In this exercise, review the checklist of writing strategies below, and check off the ones that you use a lot. Then, reflect on the questions below and bring your notes to our next live session for sharing with the class.**

**Source:** Swales, J., & Feak, C. (2017). *Academic writing for graduate students: Essential tasks and skills* (3rd ed.). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

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|  | 1. Translating, if you use English as an international language |
|  | 1. Spending a lot of time on gathering information or doing research and then quickly writing your paper from your notes, data sources, or outlines |
|  | 1. Referring to one of more “model” papers in your discipline, noticing in particular such matters as how the papers are organized, how phrases are used, and where and why examples or illustrations are provided |
|  | 1. Relying on a mentor (either native or non-native speaker) who “knows the ropes” and can anticipate how a particular written text might be received by a particular set of readers or reviewers, who may also be able to offer advice on which journal or conference a piece might be submitted to and why |
|  | 1. Relying on friends who are not in your field to help you with phraseology |
|  | 1. Developing a sense of the anticipated audience, particularly with regard to what needs to be said and what does not |
|  | 1. Recognizing the need for some stylistic variation and acquiring the linguistic resources to achieve this. |
|  | 1. Finding useful phraseology from other, possibly published papers and using it to string your ideas together. |
|  | 1. Constructing an appropriate author “persona” so that you come across as a member of the disciplinary community. |
|  | 1. Concentrating on making sure your sentence-level grammar is accurate because that is the most important aspect of getting your ideas across |

**Reflection Questions**

1. What is your main writing strategy? Why do you use it? What one other strategy apart from those on the list do you use?
2. Which of the strategies that you do not use would you most like to develop? And how might you go about developing it?