**ProWritingAid**

**Understanding ProWritingAid**

ProWritingAid is primarily a writing and grammar software that works across multiple platforms. It promises to go beyond simple grammar checking and checks for overused words, awkward phrasings.

**Link:** https://prowritingaid.com

**Addressing Key Questions**

**Learning Enhancement not replacement**

Grammar tools such as ProWritingAid can proofread through articles and submissions and users can run the risk of submitting unoriginal work if any of their content comes from the AI tool without appropriate citation. Therefore, careful consideration should be exercised when using the tool for editing, catching mistakes to ensure that a complete rewrite of your original work does not take place.

**Feedback and Insights**

ProWritingAid excels at catching grammatical errors and mistakes and can provide insights into departures from a certain writing style. It also has no word count limit per month (Grammarly, by contrast, does have a word count limit). It has also been shown to catch more mistakes than Grammarly. However, this can run the risk of violating proofreading policies depending on the use-case.

**Task Understanding**

ProWritingAid can be added as extensions in multiple platforms and is consistent in providing feedback across all of them, demonstrating a stable task understanding. Cross-platform connectivity is also pretty good.

**Tool Selection**

ProWritingAid can only check 500 words at a time with the free plan. It can only work with inputs in English, as opposed to tools like Grammarly.

**Accuracy and Sourcing**

ProWritingAid uses AI-driven technology to help perform grammar checks. It is important to remember that these algorithms aren’t perfect and cannot critically evaluate submissions.

**Data Sources and Privacy**

ProWritingAid collects information on user registration, user content, and subscriptions. This includes payment information, credentials, IP address and logging. This information is used for personalising user experience, sending periodic emails, and communicating product launches.

**Ownership and Attribution**

Ownership of content submitted by the user is retained solely by the user and not by ProWritingAid.

**Legal and Ethical Considerations**

It's important to ensure that the proofreading capabilities offered by ProWriitngAid complies with legal and ethical standards, avoiding plagiarism and copyright infringement. In particular, proofreading policies provided by the university must be adhered to for submissions such as assignments.

**Bias and Misinformation**

Like any AI tool, ProWritingAid is only as reliable as its training set and will likely occasionally provide you with misinformation and include bias.

**Limitations and Risks**

ProWritingAid only offers grammar and writing assistance with English. It has an inaccurate plagiarism checker and support available for customers online is limited. It also does not come with a mobile app and can only check 500 words at a time.

**Academic Integrity**

Academic assignments and academic research are about learning to create your own connections between different sources, developing analytical abilities, producing original ideas and then being able to communicate these ideas to others – the academic community within which the research sits.

When undertaking academic research we need to adhere to academic standards of practice. Part of this practice is academic integrity. Academic integrity is based on the ability to communicate in a transparent way how ideas and findings have been arrived at, and this includes the attribution of others’ ideas to them through referencing. First and foremost, academic integrity is about honesty.

If using Artificial Intelligence in your academic work, you must be sure how AI is permitted to be used on your module (if applicable) and how to reference it appropriately. Likewise, to ensure that you maintain academic integrity, a good check of whether the work is still your own if you have used Artificial Intelligence, is to see if you can explain ideas and methods as they appear in the final piece of work. If not, then you do not have sufficient authorship of the research or assignment, and you may want to go back to ensure that your ideas are correctly represented.