

# Publication Express

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## New year, new beginnings



**Happy new year!** With 2018 now officially upon us, it's time to review your goals and aspirations.

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## Research Community Highlights



**Drug manufacturing in space.** MIT spinout Zaiput is testing a novel liquid-liquid separator aboard the International Space Station. Zaiput's technology facilitates the separation of fluids without the use of gravity – a potential enabler for manufacturing medicine in space during long haul space travel. [Read more.](#)

**Worrisome trend for type 1 diabetes in China.** Historically, China has ranked among countries with the lowest incidence of type 1 diabetes. A new study published in the *British Medical Journal* indicates a substantial increase in the number of new cases diagnosed. Is this a reflection of evolving diets, better access to healthcare, or something else? [Read more.](#)

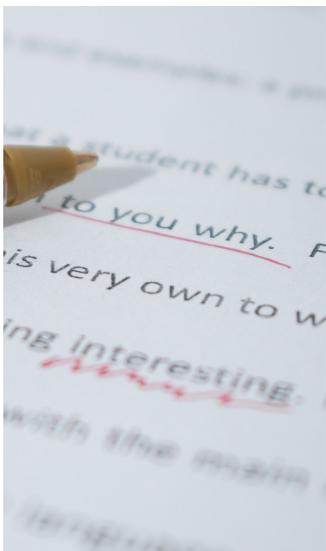
**Limiting the damage from severe weather.** Research program at the University of Michigan seeks to leverage an autonomous network of sensors and valves to reconfigure urban watersheds in real-time to limit flooding and improve water quality. [Read more.](#)

## Editor in Spotlight



**Meet Lee.** Interdisciplinary PhD economist with degrees from York and Nottingham in the UK. As a member of the JournalEdit network, Lee brings with him over 10 years spent working in British universities as a researcher and lecturer and has amassed a significant publication record. Lee is passionate about helping to ensure a level playing field in research dissemination so that academics whose first language is not English are not unduly hindered from publishing in English language journals.

## English Language Tips



### Tip 1: When to use *fewer* versus *less*.

Many people, including native English speakers, use the words *fewer* and *less* interchangeably. They are not identical! Use *fewer* when referring to items you can count individually. Use *less* when referring to a commodity, such as sand or water, that you can't count individually.

Example (correct): "There are *fewer* cakes at the bakery today."

Example (incorrect): "There are *less* cakes at the bakery today."

### Tip 2: When to use *then* versus *than*.

Confusion between *then* and *than* probably arises because the two look and sound similar. *Then* is used to indicate an event following another event in time, as in step-by-step instructions for a cooking recipe. *Than* is used for drawing comparisons.

Example (correct): "Eat your sandwich, *then* let's play soccer."

Example (correct): "My sister is better *than* me in baseball."

## Notable Quotes



### A reflection on the realities of everyday life:

"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice, there is." - *N. Taleb, Lebanese-American essayist and philosopher*

### The life of a scientist:

"Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing." - *W. von Braun, father of rocket technology and space science*

### Advice on writing:

"Get it down. Take chances. It may be bad, but it's the only way you can do anything really good." - *W. Faulkner, writer and Nobel Prize laureate*

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