First week learning
Social/ cultural
Informal
Formal
Grad student culture
"The Oxford Way"
Ling/Phil is a fantastic department
Kellogg is a fantastic college
So many sparky, friendly people!
Everything is available
After the initial induction, nobody will tell you where anythng is
...until you ask them...
...when they will be incredibly helpful...
...usually.
But if you don't know something you should have known, watch out!
How do I improve things that could quickly and easily be better?
I'm not the boss any more
Slow down, it's only the end of first week!
What's my social life going to be?
Yippee!
Eek!
Emotional
I'm incredibly lucky to have my partner & my home life
I wonder what it's like living with a Fresher 2.0
Physical
Cycling with rucksack = aching back & arms
"Fresher's flu"
Spatial
Phew! I already know where lots of things are
Where can I lurk and work?
Access to tea & coffee
Subject knowledge
Week 1 lectures
A good lecture is as valuable as hours of reading
Homework & classes
Reassuringly, I understand and can answer the questions I've been asked (so far)...
...but precise terminology will be vital to convince other people of this.
Fresh insights into my own ignorance
I don't actually know less than I did a week ago, it just feels like that
Fertile ground for improving my learning skills
Skills
Self-management
Prioritisation
Identify priority non-scheduled activities and be ruthless in carving out time for them
Reading
Meditation
Reflection
Writing
The sabbatical is over: time to get up early
I am responsible for my own learning, though lots of people are there to help me.
Time
Watch out for small elephants
Spoilt for choice
Technical skills
EndNote looks like it will be the business
Choosing the right IT tools and using them effectively is a high priority
I ♥ Central IT Services
I need to find out what else is out there and make some choices