

Practical workshop on Academic Writing

Exploring main features of
academic writing

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House rules

- The workshop is highly interactive - do not hesitate to stop me at any moment
- A laptop or a tablet is required
- Work in smaller groups is encouraged but is not a must. Anyway, tasks are individual.



The principles of academic writing

- Formal
- Analytical
- Clear
- Concise
- Accurate
- Objective
- Precise
- Critical

Academic Writing Style



Formal English

Avoid

- Slang - A few quid
- Colloquial speech - They were just, kind of, walking around
- Clichés - Pretty as a picture
- Contraction - They couldn't...
- Phrases that sound like speech - This bit is really fascinating
- Subjective descriptions - This ugly sculpture

Academic Writing Style



- Avoid using jargon
- Use everyday words when possible
- Explain specialised words if they can't be avoided
- Write for your intended audience
- Keep sentences short (under 20 words)
- Avoid wordy phrases

Academic Writing Style



Initial sentence:

I think the study by Smith (2019) is really good because it says that there is a link between what newspaper you read and the political party you vote for.

Edited sentence:

Smith (2019) argues that there is a relationship between the newspaper people read and the political party they vote for.



Practical task – 1

Structuring abstract

- Take your forthcoming paper
- Try to write its **Abstract** consisting of 150 words
- Make sure, the reader understands, what was the work about and what is the main result received.
- Do not hesitate to ask for help



Practical task – 1

Structuring abstract

- The structure of abstract
- Sentence 1 - what is your work about: aim and scope
- Sentence 2 - what and where have you done
- Sentence 3 - main methodological aspects
- Sentence 4-5 - major results
- Sentence 6 - take-home message

Practical task – 2

Structuring paper



Title page

Abstract

Introduction – background, rationale, objectives, hypotheses

Material and Methods – where and how has been work done

Results – incl. figures and tables

Discussion – interpret own results in comparison with literature

Conclusions – synthesis and take-home message

References

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Appendices or Supplementary materials

Practical task – 2

Structuring paper



- Take your sample text
- Try to allocate its parts within the regular research paper structure
- Make sure, all structural parts of a paper manuscript are filled
- Identify gaps if information missing