**What is Academic writing?**

Writing is an activity or skill of writing that is entailed in many contexts throughout life. But academic writing is different because it deals with the theories and causes of a given topic and it also explores alternative explanations for these theories or events. Academic writing has own set of rules and practices like Ideas that are organized in a structure or formal order and Supported by references from academic literature.

Academic writing refers to any writing style of expression that is clear, concise, focused, structured and backed up by evidence. The main purpose of academic writing is to make readers understanding that fulfill a requirement of a college/ university. The characteristics of academic writing are:

**Structure:**

In the simplest form, academic writing includes an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. The introduction provides background information, body paragraph supports the thesis statement whereas the conclusion refers back to the thesis, summarizes the main points and highlights the implications of the paper’s findings

**Referencing**

Academic writing and other kinds of writing also use of citations and referencing of published authors.

**Academic tone**

 Academic writing avoids emotional, inflammatory, or otherwise biased language but has its own tone that dictates the choice of words and phrasing.

**Punctuation and grammar**

Academic writing always follows the rules of punctuation and grammar. Punctuation and the grammar maintain clarity and avoid ambiguity in expression.