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What is Academic Writing? (to be improved)

Why is it important to use academic writing? Well, academic writing is an education form of writing which both keeps the reader engaged and allows them to learn in an entertaining way. Today we will be looking at "Why Are There So Few Great Accessible Buildings?" [1], an article meant to inform readers on the problems of accessibility design; we will be critiquing it, and giving ideas on how this piece of literature could be improved and easier to read.

The first major issue with this piece, is the contrast between the pictures and the rest of the page; they are distracting and take away from your ability to read the text fluently. A solution here would be to eliminate the colour out of the page, note that this should not prevent all pictures from the page; although, you should only avoid the distracting photos, and almost all the coloured pictures.

This leads me to the lack of properly cited information in the article; almost all of it is linked into the text, further adding to the various distractions. This really take away from the overall flow, and is something that should be avoided. Using proper citations is the easiest fix for this issue, and removes the distraction of coloured text.

Finally, the overall structure of the article is hard to follow, and the point is unclear at various points throughout it. It seems more of a rant than anything else, and even with its thesis, has no clear point throughout it. To fix this, the writer should stick to

a coherent plan on what he is writing about, and outline each paragraph, connecting them as needed.

Overall, there is a ton of improvement that could be made throughout this article, and I am sure that I only touched on some of the more important things that were missing or out of place. With that said, I think that with these improvements, the article can become something more enjoyable to read.

[1] B. Williamson. "Why are there so few great accessible buildings?" Metropolis. https://metropolismag.com/viewpoints/why-are-there-so-few-great-accessible-buildings/ (accessed May 22, 2020)