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Creating an Abstract

Abstracts for research papers are very important and take some time to create. Abstracts are important since it is typically used as a preview to research papers. If the abstract is dull, one can expect that many people will not read the research paper, and the paper might not be published. To properly create an abstract, ten steps are suggested by Editage.com.

According to Editage.com, ten steps exist to create a perfect abstract. First, one must finish their paper before writing the abstract. Second, one needs to distill the important information or objectives from the paper’s introduction and conclusion. Third, one needs to choose a few important sentences and/or phrases that could help grab the reader’s attention. Fourth, the major results need to be identified. Fifth, the previous three steps need to be written in the order of introduction, methods, results, and conclusions. Sixth, one needs to ensure that the paragraph contains no new information, abbreviations, or group names. Also, the paragraph should not contain any reference to other literature, reference citations, or unnecessary details. Seventh, if the abstract does include things from the previous step, those things need to be removed. Additionally, the paragraph must have a proper flow. Eighth, one needs to confirm that the abstract has the same type of information as the paper. Ninth, the paper must be proofread from someone else to check if the abstract follows the previous steps. Finally, one needs to check the abstract for if it meets the requirements of the journal.

Abstracts are very useful for research papers, but they can be very complicated to create. If the abstract is too boring or not concise, it might not get published. Editage.com suggests ten steps to follow to ensure the abstract for a research paper is perfect.