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Abstract

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Indent first line of each paragraph. Introduce the problem in first paragraph. Why problem important? Implications? Arguments?

Discuss previous research bearing on this subject. Devote one or two paragraphs to each article. Relationship of previous research to present work. Assume reader is knowledgeable about the field but relate important info from previous study.

Last paragraph or two explaining current study's approach to the problem. Define variables and formal statement of hypothesis. Why expect outcome?

The introduction can often have subsections that are given headings. As well, all remaining sections of the manuscript include major sections such as Method, Results, Discussion, etc. Some of these sections can have subsections, for example the Methods section might have the subsections, Participants, Materials, and Procedure. In the sixth edition of APA, unlike earlier editions, these sections should be bolded (but not the title above, or anything on the title page). For example:

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Method

Participants or Subjects

Describe important characteristics of sample. Include demographic information important for replication or if it is a variable in the study. Age, gender, education, disability, paid or not, SES, animals, etc.

Materials or Apparatus

Describe materials and equipment used such that study can be replicated with same materials and equipment.

Procedure

Summarize each step in the execution of the research. Instructions given, randomization, design, etc.

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Summarize data collected and statistical results. Do not mention raw data unless maximally informative. If tables and figures will be used they will be referenced from this section. Explain tables and figures and results but do not discuss implications. Report relevant descriptive statistics (means, standard deviations, sample size, correlations), inferential statistics (within or between subjects, ANOVA, *t* or *F* test, etc.), and alpha levels (.05, .01) and significance if any. See pages 20-26 APA guide and details of reporting statistical text.

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Discussion

Open section with clear statement of support or nonsupport of research hypothesis. How relate to previous research without restating info from introduction. If appropriate, mention importance of findings, implications, and applications.

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References

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