

Writing papers

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Key ideas

- ▶ Read
- ▶ Practice writing
- ▶ Action → motivation
- ▶ Know your audience
- ▶ Break it down into smaller pieces

Tips

- ▶ Don't write it in order
 - Figures & tables
 - Results
 - Methods
 - Intro, discussion, abstract
- ▶ Use simple language
 - Use the words you know
 - If you can't think of how to say it, just skip it
- ▶ Outline discussion points over time
- ▶ Don't try to be perfect
 - Get it on paper; edit later
- ▶ Try speaking it, and writing down what you say
 - Like a talk, you're trying to tell a story and maintain the reader's interest
- ▶ Supplemental tables/figures are great