Scientific English: Key points

Be clear

- Use active verbs (avoid: *do*, *make*, *get*)

- Use precise vocab and be quantitative (avoid: *some, a few, many, good*)

- Put the subject/important information at the beginning of the sentence.

- Keep basic word order (subject, verb, object) with elements close together

- Check for false friends (*important, realise, thanks to, control, sensible, experience, actually, eventually*)

- Avoid informal language (e.g., contractions, *like, little, big, gonna, wanna*)

- Use the active voice (personal + impersonal form)

- Avoid noun strings

Be concise

- Avoid long sentences

- Use simple words and phrases

- Cut out redundant or repeated words
    We used ~~two~~ databases, X and Y, both of which…

- Use verbs! Replace the verb + noun construction with a single verb
    ~~to reach a conclusion~~ to conclude
    ~~X was used in the calculation of Y~~   X was used to calculate Y

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