



# Scholarly communication: the ‘Thing Explainer’ version

## What you write

Here's the thing I did

This is why it needed doing

Here's what other people said about this thing

- And what they left out

Here's how I did it

This is why I did it that way

- Here's someone else doing it this way because that helped me see why it would work for my thing
- Here's why doing it this way meant I'd be able to actually learn something from it

Here's how it might not have worked fully, all the same

Oh, and this is why it's OK to do it to humans

Here's what happened

This is what I think it means for what I started out wondering

This is what it means for the rest of us and what we do (or know)

Here's what else we could do about this

## What you call it in your paper

Introduction

Literature review

Methods

Limitations

Ethical implications

Findings

Discussion

Further research

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