Abstract Writing for Research/Reports

A Guide to Concise and Effective Writing



What is an Abstract?

Definition: An abstract is a concise summary of a research paper or report.

Purpose: To give readers an overview of the key aspects of the study.

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Types of Abstracts:

- 1. Descriptive Abstract: Brief overview without detailed results or conclusions.
- 2. Informative Abstract: Detailed summary including results and conclusions.

Importance of an Abstract

Serves as a snapshot of the research or report.

Helps readers decide relevance.

Often the first (and sometimes only) part that readers access.

Key Components of an Abstract

1.
Introduction/Background:
What is the problem or
context?

2. Objective: What was the purpose of the research/report?

3. Methods: How was the study conducted?

4. Results: What were the main findings?

5. Conclusion: What is the significance or implication of the findings?

Characteristics of a Good Abstract



Concise: 150-250 words.



Comprehensive: Covers all key aspects.



Clear: Avoids jargon or overly technical language.

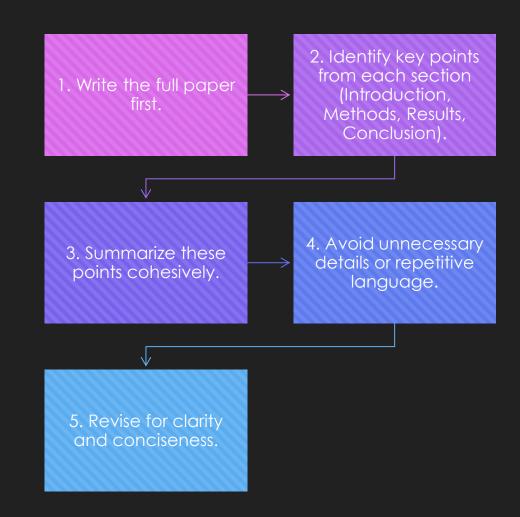


Accurate: Reflects the content of the main text.



StandAlone: Makes sense independently of the paper.

StepbyStep Process for Writing an Abstract



Common Mistakes in Abstract Writing

01

Including too much or too little detail.

02

Adding information not present in the main report.

03

Using vague or ambiguous terms.

04

Lacking focus or logical flow.

Sample Abstract

Practice Activity

Task: Write an abstract for a short research/report.

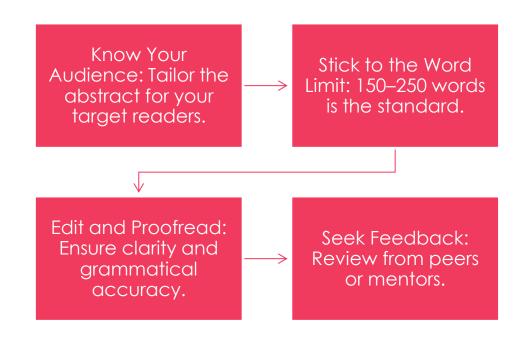


Prompt: Conducted research on the "Impact of Online Learning on Student Motivation."



Instructions: Provide key points for each component (Introduction, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusion).

Tips for Success



References

APA Style Guidelines: https://apastyle.apa.org

Examples of Abstract Writing: https://writingcenter.unc.edu

Purdue OWL: Abstract Writing Tips: https://owl.purdue.edu

Questions and Discussion



Open the floor for Q&A.



Encourage participants to share challenges or experiences with abstract writing.