

Language suggestions for Abstract writers

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I've noticed that there are a few commonly recurring Abstract formats that might be changed for the benefit of understanding and best practice.

- 1 There is no need to restate the title of the research at the start of the abstract. The first statement should be either an introductory remark about the context of the study, or the objectives of the study.
- 2 Use paragraphs with sentences rather than numbered bullet points.
- 3 When describing any term, put the adjective first. This is especially important when describing results –

e.g 'The respondents expressed generally high opinions of the situation.'

NOT 'The respondents expressed general opinions of the situation at a high level.'

e.g 'There was a very low positive correlation found between the variables.'

NOT There was a positive correlation found between the variables at a very low level.'

I hope these few points are helpful. If you are in any doubt when suggesting a form of language to use in an Abstract, please feel free to email me - swu.grad.ed@gmail.com