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Course: Research Writing

Research Writing; Title, Abstract and Keywords

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1. How to Find a Good Title

- **Identify your main research focus** – What is your study about?
- **Write down key terms** – Choose words that describe your topic.
- **Try different title types** – Use a descriptive, question-based, or statement title.
- **Keep it simple and clear** – Avoid long or confusing words

Finding a Good Title

- **Why Is the Title Important?**

- **Attracts Attention:** Engages readers and encourages them to read your paper.
- **Shows the Main Idea:** Clearly conveys the essence of your research.
- **Enhances Discoverability:** Facilitates online searches for your work.
- **Looks Professional:** A well-crafted title reflects seriousness and organization.

- **What Makes a Good Title?**

- **Clear:** Easy to understand.
- **Short:** 10-15 words maximum.
- **Specific:** Focused on the main topic.
- **Relevant:** Incorporates important keywords related to the study.

How to Write an Abstract:

- **A good abstract should:**
 - 1. Give a clear summary – Quickly explain what your research is about.**
 - 2. Highlight key points – Focus on the most important aspects of your research.**
 - 3. Be easy to understand – Use simple language to make it accessible to a broad audience.**
 - 4. Make your paper easier to find – Use important keywords related to your research.**

How to Write an Abstract

What to Include in an Abstract?

1. Introduction/Background:

- Provide a brief overview of the problem or topic.
- **Example:** "Climate change is affecting weather patterns and is causing problems for farmers."

2. Objective/Purpose:

- State the goal of your research and the question you aim to answer.
- **Example:** "This study examines how climate change is affecting farming in hot countries."

What to Include in an Abstract?

3. Methods:

1. Describe the research approach briefly.
2. **Example:** "We studied crop production data from 5 countries over the last 10 years."

4. Results:

1. Summarize the main findings.
2. **Example:** "Our results show that crop yields have decreased by 20% in areas affected by high temperatures."

5. Conclusion/Implications:

1. Discuss the significance of your findings.
2. **Example:** "This suggests that climate change will continue to threaten farming in many regions."

Tips for Writing a Good Abstract:

1. Keep it short and clear – Your abstract should be 150-250 words.
2. Write it last – Even though it comes first in your paper, write the abstract after finishing the full paper. This way, it will reflect your research accurately.
3. No references – Don't include citations or long details. The abstract should be able to stand on its own.
4. Use important keywords – Choose terms that people might use to search for your paper.
5. Stay focused – Only include the most important information.

How to Write Keywords

- Keywords are important words or phrases related to your research. They help others find your paper in search engines and academic databases.
- **Make your paper easier to find** – Help researchers quickly locate your work.
- **Summarize the main topic** – Reflect the key ideas in your study.
- Connect your paper to similar studies – Help link your research with related topics.

Thank You!