

Points of academic writing

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What is academic writing

- in academia*, writing and publishing is conducted in several sets of forms and genres [URL: <http://en.academic.ru/dic.nsf/enwiki/747646>].
- is the style of writing that investigates the state of an issue and presents your position based on the evidence of your research [[Academic writing 2013: 10](#)].

*the environment or community concerned with the pursuit of research, education, and scholarship.

Standard forms

- * Essay; usually short, between 1,500 and 6,000 words in length.
- * Research Paper; longer essay involving library research, 3000 to 6000 words in length.
- * Dissertation; usually between 6,000 and 20,000 words in length.
- * Thesis; completed over a number of years, often in excess of 20,000 words in length.
- * Conference paper.

* Research Article.

For students

* Abstract.

* Instructional pamphlet, or hand-out, or reading list; usually meant for students.

* Book report.

* Exam questions & Essay titles; the formulating of these.

* Book chapter.

* Presentations; usually short, often illustrated.

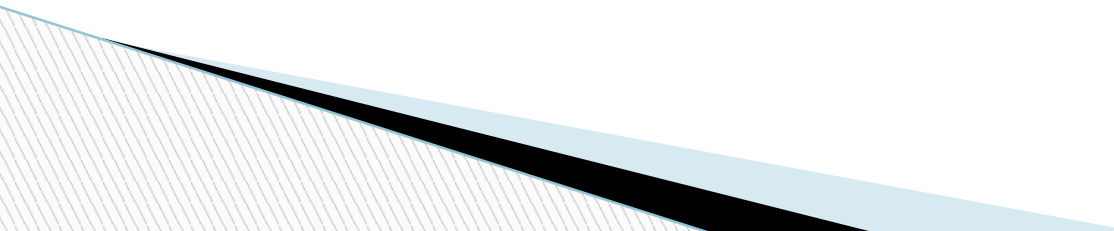
* Book, in many types and varieties.

* Translation.

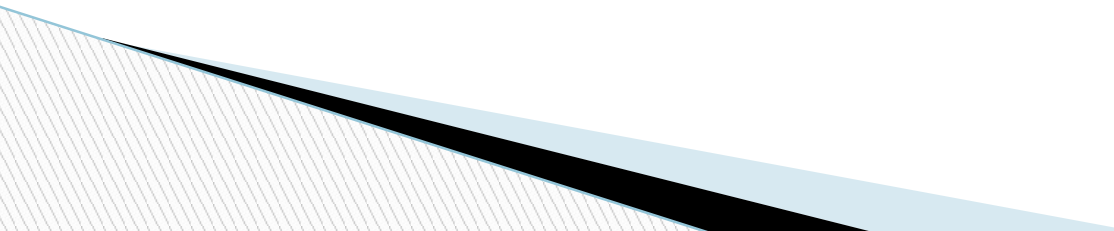
* Explication; usually a short factual note explaining some obscure part of a particular work; e.g. its terminology, dialect, allusions or coded references.

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Agenda

1. What are the peculiarities of academic writing?
 2. What are the typical mistakes in writing a scientific paper?
 3. What are the rules of organizing references?
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1. The peculiarities of academic writing

- the **results of your research**
 - **valid reasons**
 - **critical thinking** skills and **critical analysis**
 - **formal style**
 - **references**
 - [\[Academic writing 2013: 9\]](#).
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A checklist of academic writing features

- Linear
- Informative
- Complex
- Formal
- Precise ‘ТОЧНЫЙ’
- Objective
- Explicit
- Accurate
- Qualification
- Responsibility
- [\[Academic writing 2013: 3\]](#).

2. The typical mistakes in writing a scientific paper



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- ❑ **The background literature was not checked thoroughly**
- ❑ **The research aim, hypotheses, and predictions are unclear**
- ❑ **The structure of the manuscript is confusing**
- ❑ **The methods are not explained in enough detail**
- ❑ **The wrong statistics are used**
- ❑ **The sections are mixed up**

Example for a mix up: Only 3 of 10 bees flew at a higher speed than flies, suggesting that flies are commonly faster than bees. Only the first part of the sentence should be part of the result section, the second half is interpretation and belongs in the discussion.

- ❑ **The conclusions do not match the presented results**
- ❑ **The writing is inaccurate**
- ❑ **The citations and/or references are incomplete**
- ❑ **You have not picked a journal beforehand**

❑ [URL: <https://theresalescientist.com/guide/melanie/438/common-mistakes-when-writing-a-scientific-paper/>]

3. The rules of organizing references.

Reference styles

- full reference (author, year, title, journal, pages, DOI (date of information))
- alphabetizing

- The Harvard style
- APA style (American Psychological Association)
- Chicago style
- Vancouver style
- [<https://innsida.ntnu.no/wiki/-/wiki/English/Using+the+Harvard+reference+style>]

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