



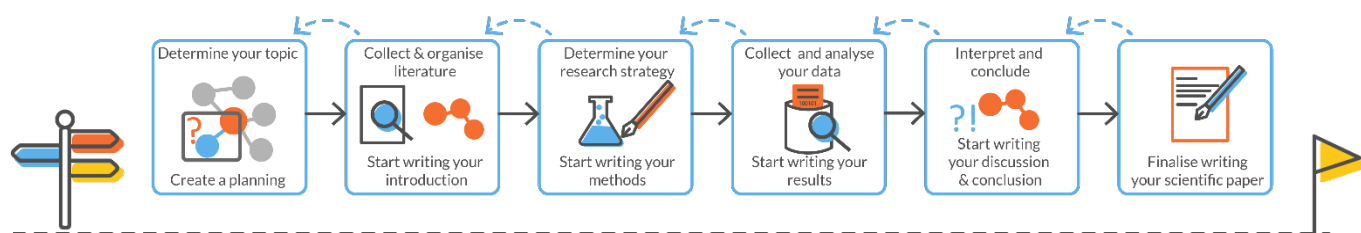
Write a scientific paper

with support from the **Science Skills Platform**

The scientific paper is a crucial tool for communicating about research. Research and writing go hand in hand and during your studies you will encounter various assignments that combine the two. The number one mistake that many students make is putting off all their writing until the very end of a project where it becomes an unenjoyable and stressful task. But when and **how should you start writing** then? The *Writing a scientific paper module* of the skills platform *Writing domain* helps guide you through the whole process of writing your own scientific paper. You can find a summary of the available chapters below. Select the support you need and get started!

Process of writing a scientific paper

The **Science Skills Platform** offers you a **detailed and practical guide** through all the sections of a scientific paper as well as a breakdown of your writing process so that you can split your writing activities into manageable chunks and make swift progress. How should you structure your introduction? How detailed should the methods be? When can you start writing your results section? How do you connect your (unexpected) results to previous findings in the discussion? And how do you come up with a convincing title for your scientific paper? The *Writing a scientific paper module* of the *Writing domain* guides you through the process depicted below.



Links to all relevant skills chapters

[Discover what a scientific paper should look like](#)

[Make a planning for working on your paper](#)

[Prepare and write the introduction](#)

[Prepare and write the methods](#)

[Prepare and write the results](#)

[Prepare and write the discussion and conclusion](#)

[Format the reference list for your paper](#)

[Select and format the supplemental materials](#)

[Determine keywords and write your abstract](#)

[Formulate an interesting title for your paper](#)

Having difficulty writing in English? Use the [language module](#) to work on your spelling, grammar and word choice, and learn how to build well-structured sentences and paragraphs.



Keep in mind that the **instructions** you receive from your **supervisor** are always **leading**. They might have specific expectations of your scientific paper that go beyond the content presented on the skills platform.

Is this your first time hearing about or using the platform?

Consult the [homepage](#) for some general information and discover [how to use the platform](#).

Questions or concerns about the platform?

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