

Vocabulary list

Thesis statement is a single sentence, preferably a simple declarative sentence, that expresses the basic idea around which the paper will develop. (Webster University)

It states the purpose and main idea of your essay to your audience. The thesis statement declares the main purpose of the entire paper.

Claim is an assertion that supports a thesis.

Counterclaims are simply the arguments opponents make to refute your claims.

Evidence is the information that supports a claim and persuades others to believe

Supporting details are pieces of information necessary to better understand the main idea. They can be facts, reasons, testimonies, statistics, and experiments that support the topic sentence.

Major Details directly support the topic sentence

Minor Details directly support the major details

Outlining – summarizing the essential features of a text in hierarchical or logical order

Skim – to look over or read quickly specially to find the main ideas

Text – a piece of writing, written or printed material

Thesis statement – states the purpose and/or central idea of a text

Paradox- made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually or may be true or possible

Evaluation- to judge the value or condition of something in a careful and thoughtful way; to determine significance or worth

Demography- statistical study of human population with reference to size and density, distribution and vital statistics

Patriarchy- a family, group or government controlled or led by man or group of men

Tripartite- involving three people, groups or part

Types Of Text Structures

DESCRIPTION	features a detailed description of something to give the reader a mental picture
CAUSE & EFFECT	the causal relationship between a specific event, idea, or concept and the events, ideas, or concept that follow.
COMPARISON /CONTRAST	examines the similarities and differences between two or more people, events, concepts, ideas, etc.
ORDER/ SEQUENCE	gives readers a chronological of events or a list of steps in a procedure.
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER	information in a passage is organized by the time in which each event occurred.
PROBLEM-SOLUTION	sets up a problems, explains the solution, and discusses the effects of the solution.
ENUMERATION	list of parts, or characteristics indicated by word cues such as first, second, in addition , finally and also.

Academic Text
Critical
Objective
Specialized
based on facts
formal
Technical

Examples of Academic Text	
Literary Analysis	examines, evaluates and makes an argument about a literary work
Research Paper	uses information to support a thesis. Uses primary and secondary sources.
Dissertation	a book length summarization of the doctoral candidate

Writing Structure	
IMRad	Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion
Three part essay	Introduction, Body and Conclusion

Structure- important feature of academic writing, enables reader to read better understand the argument. A clear, structure and logical flow are needed for a cohesive text.

Introduction- gives the general information and background

Body - gives definitions, classifications, explanations, contrast, examples and evidences

Conclusion- summarizes the main scope and evaluates the importance of the topic in the future.

Types of Academic Writing
Descriptive
Analytical
Persuasive
Critical

Features of Academic Writing
Complexity
Formality
Precision
Objectively
Explicitness
Accuracy
Hedging
Responsibility
Organization
Planning

Characteristics of Academic Writing
Clear
Concise
Focused
Structured
Based on facts
Simple
Objective
Logical

Text Structure
how the information within a written text is organized

Language used in academic Writing	
Formal	formal vocab, avoids redundancy, choose strong and specific verbs
Objective	impersonal language
Technical	must be clear

Summarizing Academic Text
Reducing text to one third or one quarter its original size, clearly articulating the author's meaning and retaining main ideas.

Techniques in Summarizing
Read the work first
Present information through facts, skills and visual formats.
Know the main points and its supporting details
Analyze the text
Think of the main information included in the summary
Organize all ideas
Paraphrase words
Write info coherently

Thesis Statement
single declarative sentence expressing the basic idea of the paper

Good thesis statement
has a side on an issue
specific
unified and has one idea
not only states fact but sets the stage for analysis
Pick topic
Ask question
Formulate thesis statement based on question

Outlining
-summarizing the essential features of a text in hierarchical or logical order

Finalizing Outline
Thesis statement at the beginning
major points that supports your thesis
supporting ideas or arguments
continue to subdivide supporting idea until the outline is done if applicable

Critique Writing
a text that contains the opinion regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the art or piece of writing.



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