

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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