

# HOW TO WRITE AN EFFECTIVE RESEARCH ABSTRACT

## WORKSHEET

Write two to three sentences under each heading. Aim to answer each question. By the end you will have a first draft of your research abstract.

### Reason for writing

*Why is this research important? Why would the reader care or be interested in this research?*

### Problem or issue

*What problem or issue does this particular work attempt to address or solve? What is its main argument or claim? What is the scope of this work?*

### Methodology/Methods

*How does this work address the issue or problem of interest? What frameworks, models or approaches are used? What kinds of evidence were used in the research?*

### Results

*What were the results? (Some abstracts will include specific data; others may describe findings in a more general way. Summarizing the results is often one of the most difficult parts of writing any abstract, but don't leave your audience hanging. Tell them what you found.)*

### Conclusion

*Was the research successful? Did it answer the problem it set out to address?*

### Implications

*What do the results mean for your readers? What changes should be made to practice or theory as a result of your findings? How and what does this research add to existing knowledge?*