

How to write an abstract

The aim of a dissertation or a thesis abstract is to give the reader a broad overview of what your research project was about and what you found that was new, before he or she decides to read the entire thesis.

An abstract is a concise summary of the entire dissertation, written as a single paragraph, not exceeding 300 words and without indentation. It should contain the major elements of your dissertation/ thesis :

- Brief but precise **statement of the problem or issue**,
- **aim (s) of the study**/ research question (s) or hypothesis ,
brief description of the methodology used (method, sample, data gathering tools)
- major findings,
- and the conclusions reached/ recommendations/ implication

+ Key words

Tips for writing a good abstract

- Keep it concise. Every word in the abstract is important so make sure you focus on only the key elements of your research.
- Make a unique point a sentence. Keep the sentences short and to the point. Each sentence should give the reader new, useful information about your research.
- Keep the content of the abstract factual; that is to say , you should avoid bringing too much or any opinion into it.
- Spend suitable time editing your text, and it is to give it to experts to proofread it.