

Writing It Up in APA Style



Aspects of a good psychological research article

- Presentation of theory and data is:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Peer-reviewed
- Novel ideas and/or methodologies



Be Prepared To...

- Revise and revise and revise
- Be criticized
- Have your manuscript rejected
- Conduct more research



Elements of the

Title Page and

- Title page
 - Concise description of what you found (Single phrase or sentence)
 - Get the reader’s attention
 - Contains a *Running Head*
 - First 2-3 words from the title
- _____ (120 words or less)
 - Paragraph-long description of *everything*

- “This is why I am doing what I am doing”
- Theoretical background
- Literature review
- Builds up to your hypotheses



- Alphabetical by first author's last name
 - Gore, J. S., & Lillie, R. A. (2005). Writing a paper. *Journal of Writing*, 3, 45-50.
- Must be cited in the manuscript
 - (Gore & Lillie, 2005) if you cite it at the end of a sentence for support of a claim
 - Gore and Lillie (2005) if you cite it as part of the sentence for the purpose of discussing that article in detail
 - Multiple sources? Separate by ;
 - (Gore & Lillie, 2005; Gore & Summerfield, 2000)



Issues

- See handout
- Pay attention to format of headings
- Page number and running head on every page (top, right-hand corner)
- Title, Abstract, Reference sections on separate pages



Issues

- Avoid first-person pronouns
 - Try not to use “I”, “we”, “our”
 - Refer to “the current study” rather than “I”
- Avoid colloquial phrasing
 - Keep a professional tone
- Avoid cryptic language
 - No jargon, say what you mean in English
- Avoid awkward and run-on sentences
 - Read your paper out loud
