



Introduction to Academic Writing

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Definition of Academic Writing

Academic writing is:

- The process of writing analytically to present a clear understanding of a subject.
- Presenting ideas in a rational, organized, systematic, reasonable, and logical way.



Academic Writing Process

Key aspects of academic writing:

- Ideas
- Process
- Reasonable
- Logical
- Rational
- Organized
- Systematic



Documents Using Academic Writing

Academic writing is used in:

- Book reviews
- Essays
- Research reports and proposals
- Scientific papers
- Academic journals
- Dissertations and Theses
- Abstracts (short summaries of long documents)



Types of Academic Writing

Three main types:

1. Descriptive
2. Narrative
3. Argumentative or Persuasive



Descriptive, Narrative, and Argumentative Writing

Descriptive: Describes how something looks, feels, tastes, sounds.

Narration: Tells the story of an event or person, organized in time order.

Argumentative/Persuasive: Convinces readers of the writer's view through appealing reasons.



Characteristics of Academic Writing

Characteristics include:

- Planning
- Outline
- Formal tone
- Language
- Point of view
- Approach



Planning and Outline

- Planning: Analytical and organized preparation before writing.
- Outline: A structured outline helps organize thoughts and relationships between topics.
 - Determines pertinent information for the paper.



Tone and Language

- Tone: Formal, avoiding slang, jargon, abbreviations, or clichés.
- Language: Clear and precise, with words chosen for accuracy.
- A thesaurus can help select the best words for clarity.



Point of View and Approach

- Point-of-view: Third-person perspective to focus on educating about facts.
- Approach: Deductive reasoning to guide readers logically to a conclusion.

Sources

For more information:

- [Definition of Academic Writing](<http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/word-definitions/definition-of-academic-writing.html>)
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