

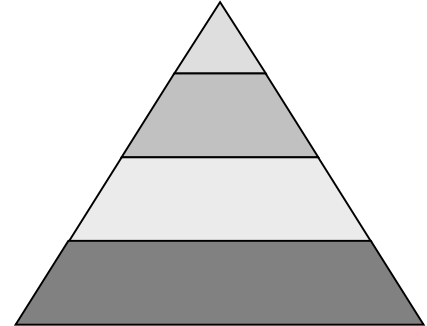
Results

The purpose of a results section is to present and illustrate your findings. Make this section a completely objective report of the results, and save all interpretation for the discussion.

Content

Summarize data collected.
Simple statement of findings.
No discussion about why; be totally objective.
Was hypothesis supported or not?
State if statistically significant.

Do not worry if results seem short.
Results should present actual data, what you found, just the facts!
Results should not include interpretation. Interpretation belongs only in the discussion section.



Results (by type of research)

Historical—use statements from archival/historic documents

Ethnographic—use statements from interviews, quotes from your subjects, observations

Experimental—use descriptive statistics

Figures and Tables

Summarize your findings in text and illustrate them, if appropriate, with figures and tables. Text should complement any figures or tables, not repeat the same information. Do not present the same data more than once. Do not use for data easily presented in a few sentences.

Each figure must be numbered consecutively and complete with caption. Captions go under figures. Each table must be titles, numbered consecutively and complete with heading. Title with description goes above the table. Each figure and table must be sufficiently complete that it could stand on its own, separate from text.