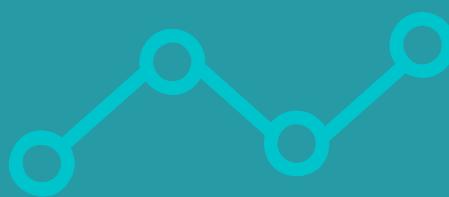


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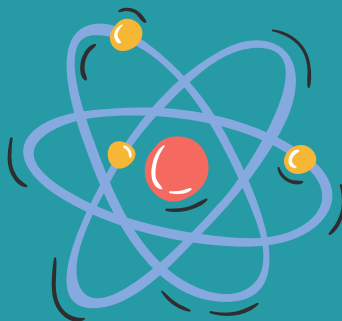
Where to Start

- Figure out what the assignment specifically calls for.
- If the expectations are not clear, talk to your professor.
- It is ALWAYS a good idea to look at examples.
- Each paragraph is a complete thought. Once you finish that thought, you move on to the next paragraph.
- Remember, the most important thing in scientific writing is the actual science. Make that your first focus.



Clear and Concise Writing

- Communicating clearly is more important than using a specific format.
- Convey the most amount of information in the fewest words.
- Do not use quotations.
- Use simple declarative sentences with few adjectives, no fluff or passive voice.
- Use standardized scientific language.



Style Guides

- The ACS (American Chemical Society) has a specific style guide.
- Citations vary from journal to journal, so check specific journals for requirements.
- Reference style guides for specific heading, content work, references, etc.

