

GUIDELINES TO THE INTRODUCTION

I expect to have an introduction of 3-5 paragraphs in length discussing different areas of the assignment (e.g. role of mitochondria, Immunoglobin families, alcohol and yeast). You must cite all of your sources (even the text book). Most of the introduction is written in passive voice (words of being, e.g.: is, are, was, etc), however, there is a voice change to active in the last paragraph. In this paragraph you state, "what we did" in the study. This paragraph usually contains the hypothesis and whether it is rejected or accepted based on the data you collected. All references are cited and placed at the end of the written part of the paper (after the conclusions).

Paragraph 1: very general information, approximately 4-5 sentences taking the reader to your second paragraph

Paragraph 2: sentences about the first concept (e.g. density) (1-5)

1. General
2. General
3. Specific
4. Specific
5. Transition to the next paragraph

Paragraph 3: sentences about the second concept (e.g. solubility) (1-5)

1. General
2. General
3. Specific
4. Specific
5. Transition to the next paragraph

Paragraph 4: sentences connecting the two concepts together (e.g. density, how it relates to solubility, or is there any relation at all) (1-5)

1. General
2. General
3. Specific
4. Specific
5. Transition to the next paragraph

Paragraph 4: The upshot paragraph (1-4)

1. In this study we...
2. We hypothesize that...
3. We accept /reject based on the data that
4. Give specific data numbers