



Write and structure a Journal Article

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INTRODUCTION:

The greater way to share knowledge and Ideas with the world is Articles Writing. It is the most informative way to preach any information to a large Audience. It required the special skills such as creativity, facts, good vocabulary sound knowledge on content, know about steps and format and original idea.

An article is a piece of writing about a theme, topic & aimed to spread the awareness among readers. The main purpose of writing the articles are to share a recent incident, personal opinion about a social issue, persuading the readers about a topic or theme, promoting for marketing and business.

TYPES OF ARTICLES

These are several types of articles, but they can be cheeped into four main types such as

1)Expository Articles:

It is a informative article used for spreading information not to incorporate personal opinions.

E.g. Events, news, awareness, guidance etc.

2. Narrative articles:

It expresses the series of events mainly fictional.

E.g. Historical events, short stories, etc.,

3. Descriptive articles:

It provides knowledge or information to the readers. Share their ideas, views, mostly subjective.

e.g., screenplay writing, educating others

4. Persuasive article/ argumentative:

The main aim is to incorporate personal opinion to the readers. It persuades in the direction of the writer view.

E.g. copy writing, view editorials, sociopolitical article.

Article writing format

The sequence of writing article is

- I. Heading/ title of the article
- II. Writer's name
- III. Main part of the article- body
- IV. Conclusion

Heading / title

- Title is the gate way to academic work. it should be unique, short, crispy and catchy, create interest for readers. it should include more relevant keywords in the title but avoid abbreviations and formulae.
- It is placed at the top of the article.

Writer's name:

This line starts with author's name and placed right below the title with an indentation to the right.

Body of the content:

In article writing, the paragraph must have beginning, development and conclusion to improve understanding of the topic or idea. It may consist of 3-4 paragraph based on the depth and extensiveness of the content. Each body paragraph has 3 portions.

- Introductory paragraph
- Descriptive paragraph
- Additional information

The first paragraph introduces the topic or problem, field of knowledge to the readers. the introduction or stating paragraph must be highly attentive, facts, questions, provide background related to topic. It begins with an idea familiar that naturally flows with it fits into paragraph, arrange them into chronological order, easier to difficult., explain the main idea of an article in more detail.

Each paragraph should be related and referring to central idea. Explaining it in more detail, exploring its meaning and giving the evidence by supportive research and position it within the field. Use simple languages and smooth transition. Thus, it should have clear body paragraphs that include more details on the title and opening paragraph.

Conclusion:

Last part of ending article writing is a conclusion paragraph serves several key purposes such as summary of discussed body content, suggestion or recommendation to assigned topic anticipation or an appeal. Author needs to summaries entire article in this position. Therefore, closing the paragraph must contain review all necessary scientific arguments, main ideas and author's reflection with greater clarity and coherence.

Ways of writing the articles:

Articles are mainly categories into three types according to elements of academic essay

- I. Essay article:
- II. Research article
- III. Practitioner's perspectives articles.

Essay article:

- Title
- Thesis
- Problem or question
- Evidence
- Analysis and reflections
- Structure
- Language
- Supplementary materials
- Permissions

Research articles:

- Title
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion/ discussion
- Previous research
- Permission

Practitioner's perspective articles:

- Introduction
- Relevant literature
- Stance of the educator



- Setting and participants
- Background
- Implementation and application
- Expected learning outcomes
- Lesson plan teaching learning reflection
- Challenges and strengths
- Discussion and conclusion
- Previous research
- permission

Tips for writing the good article:

- Author should be clear about the purpose of writing a good article and well versed in the subject matter.
- Make use of key words to attract a large number of readers.
- The tone and language should match the suitable audience in article writing.
- Understand the phrases of article while writing.
- Keep the title as brief and memorable.
- Coherence between and within paragraph.
- Careful on using conjunctions.
- Visual elements such as images, Photos, graphical pictures can enhance the article.
- Provide proper citations and references for any external sources
- Put together as outline
- After writing paragraph it should be read several times loudly
- Ask for people opinions for paragraph intelligible.
- Peer review is good before publication.

Common mistake in article writing:

- Neglecting the target audience
- Author repeats the same idea.
- Unstructured content
- Repetition of verbs, nouns and adjective is very common mistakes in writing so broad vocabulary is essential.
- Errors in Grammer, spelling and punctuation can greatly affect the article's credibility.
- Inaccurate or misleading information
- Failing in conduct research
- Avoid excessive jargons and complex language

The last word:

Now you can put your own thoughts together, you may mastered in magnifying the central theme of your writing, able to structure the strong Introduction and conclusion of your article and how to avoid common mistake .

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