



Structuring your written report

- Coherent writing is important. This means you should:
 - Present information in a logical order
 - Structure the text clearly
 - Make connections between different parts of the text
 - Make sure information is relevant to your project

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- Use effective presentation features such as:
 - Headings and sections
 - Paragraphs
 - Title and contents pages
 - Page numbers
 - Diagrams, tables, graphs or charts if appropriate, making sure these are labelled
 - Correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
 - Appropriate style of language this should be neutral or slightly formal
 - Use appropriate vocabulary

Suggested structure – written report

- The next slides give a suggested way to structure your project
- This applies to written reports where the research mostly uses secondary sources
- If you think this structure doesn't work for your report you should discuss with your teacher
- The sections are:
 - Introduction (350 words)
 - Research (800 words)
 - Discussion (1000 words)
 - Conclusion/Evaluation (350 words)
 - Bibliography

Introduction

- Clearly and concisely explain your research question
- Give the rationale for your project (why did you decide to do this?)
- 350 words

Research

- Describe and review the information you found
- Include your evaluation of the **reliability** of the information
- Make sure that everything you have used for your research is included, this might include any videos watched or podcasts you listened to
- Include information here about any non-documentary information sources, any data you collected, or conversations you had including clear and detailed descriptions about what/where/when
- 800 words

Discussion

- This is your chance to give your answer to your research question
- Present your arguments to support your answer
- Make sure you also give consideration to alternative viewpoints
- Use headings and sections to structure the discussion
- Make connections between sections and make sure that your sections form a logical structure
- Relate your discussions back to your original project question
- Only include relevant information
- You should refer to your research as appropriate
- 1000 words

Conclusion/Evaluation

- Explain how your ideas developed
- Reflect on what you have learned in the project including new skills you have learned or used
- Identify which objectives were met and give clear reasons for your success or lack of it
- Explain clearly what you would do differently next time and why
- Give clear, realistic ideas for how you would extend your project in the same or other areas of interest
- 350 words

Bibliography

- List of exactly where you obtained your information
- All sources should be listed including websites, books and articles
- Make sure you use a consistent format
- Organise the bibliography clearly so that others can retrieve information if they want to
- Use sections if you have lots of types of sources (eg websites, videos, books, journals)



