

Phrases for Abstracts

Study background and significance: Introductory sentences	
<i>This study (dissertation, research)...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · aims to illuminate... · examines the role of... · explores why... · investigates the effects of... · assesses the impact of [insert text] on... · developed and tested the idea that...
<i>I...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · investigated the role of... · outline how... · introduce the concept of... · extend prior work on... · examine the relationship between [insert text] and... · identify... · evaluate these [insert text] by...
<i>In this study (dissertation, research) I...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · propose a model of...
Leading with research questions	
<i>This study (dissertation, research)...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · is motivated by two research questions: (1) [Insert research question one]? (2) [Insert research question two]? To examine these questions, the study... · “[Insert a research question]?” is a fundamental question in [the name of your area of interest]. We suggest [argue] that a new generation of research in this area needs to address the extended question: [Insert your research question]?
Leading with research hypotheses	
<i>This study (dissertation, research)...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · offers two hypotheses: (1) [insert research hypothesis one]; and (2) [insert research hypothesis two]. · tested hypotheses regarding the relationship between [insert text] and...
<i>It was...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · hypothesized that [insert variable] is negatively [positively] related to... · hypothesized that [insert variable] is more negatively [positively] related to [insert variable] than [insert variable].
Leading with a dissertation aim or goals	
<i>This study (dissertation, research)...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · has three goals: (1) [insert goal one], (2) [insert goal two], and (3) [insert goal three]
Literature component	
<i>Previous research (extent research, previous studies, or prior studies)...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · indicates that... · offers a descriptive account of... · has shown that...
<i>Literature on [insert area of the literature] has focused almost exclusively on...</i>	
<i>Synthesizing [e.g. name of theories], this research built and tested a theoretical model linking...</i>	
<i>This model addresses X (e.g. 2) major gaps in the literature.</i>	
<i>Drawing on [insert name] research, we argue that...</i>	<span< body="">