

LIBRARY TIPS #1  
COMPONENTS OF A  
RESEARCH PAPER

## 1. TITLE



Choose a **concise** title that reflects the study's subject in a clear and specific way.

## 2. AUTHORSHIP



Provide the names of the **authors** (corresponding and others), **identifiers**, and institutional **affiliation**.

## 3. ABSTRACT



## KEYWORDS

**Summarize** the study, stating the topic, methods, findings, and conclusions.

**Tip:** It should be comprehensible on its own.

Select **relevant** keywords that represent the paper's content.

## 4. INTRODUCTION



Present a comprehensive literature review to establish the state of the art and **provide context** for the research problem.

Identify gaps in existing literature and **justify** the study's significance.

**Define** the research question and outline primary and secondary objectives.

## 5. METHODOLOGY



Describe the **research design**, data collection and analysis **techniques**, inclusion and exclusion **criteria**, tests, interventions...

Address ethical considerations.

**Tip:** Explaining the methodology should allow the study's replicability.

## 6. RESULTS



**Present** the data collected.

**Tip:** Avoid interpretative remarks.

Use tables, graphics, and figures to enhance data presentation.

## 7. DISCUSSION



**Synthesize** and **interpret** the primary findings in the context of the literature review (previous studies).

**Address** the research question(s).

**Clarify** the strongest points as well as the limitations of the study.

**Tip:** Discuss the results' contribution to the current state of knowledge in the field.

## 8. CONCLUSION



**Summarize** the main results.

**Highlight** the importance and impact of the findings.

**Tip:** Include suggestions for future studies.

## 9. REFERENCES



List the **sources** cited in the paper following the chosen Citation Style Guidelines.

**Tip:** Use a reference manager (Zotero, Mendeley, EndNote).

## 10. SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL



Add supplementary material that **supports** the text (tables, figures, interview or survey questions, search strategies ...).

## DON'T FORGET TO:



Acknowledge contributions and/or **funding** sources. Describe each **author's contribution** to the research. Declare potential **conflicts of interest**.