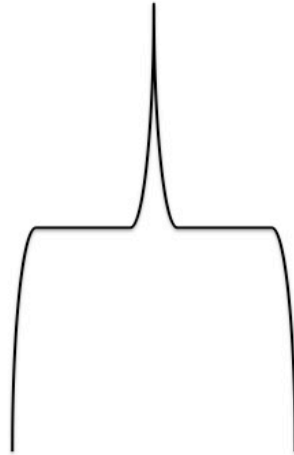


How to write the Results and Discussion Sections?

In contrast to the introduction, the results and discussion section follows an inverted funnel approach:



- In the result section, give the specifics of your study
- In the discussion, explain what your results mean
- In the discussion, interpret your results in light of previous findings
- In the discussion, point out the importance or value of your work and how it relates to the field; mention possible applications of your results

In the **results section** you should consider the following:

- The main purpose of the results section is to present the data you generated in your research project.
- Keep the text clear and simple
- You do not necessarily need to include every piece of data or plot you generated; you should select the data that best showcase the major points of the research project (this could include 'good' and 'bad' results!)
- You should write the results section in the past tense.
- Include repetitive data in tables or figures

In the **discussion section** you should include the following information in the following order:

- Introduction: reiterate experimental objective and design
- Summarize and interpret results (do not repeat results; discuss):
 - Interpret results in isolation
 - Interpret results in light of previous findings
- Point out the importance/value of your data to your field.
- Point out the importance/value of your data to your related fields.
- Point out application of your findings/methods
- State the conclusion of your work and if applicable, state what would be the next step in this research project.

General Advice:

- Use the past tense when referring to your results
- Use the present tense when referring to published data/work
- Be specific, accurate, and not too general

- Avoid unnecessary adjectives
- Do not overstate any results from the work you have done.