

Structure of a typical science report.

This is an example only. Always consult your module leader or module descriptor for instructions.

Section	Provides:	Contains
Title page	Identifying details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name , course title, dateTitle (<i>If not provided, ensure that you create an informative title</i>)
Abstract	Brief summary or overview of report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AimWhat you didWhat you foundWhat you concluded.
Introduction	Context for the report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aims (of research) and why it is important/useful/relevantHypothesis - clear (testable) statement of what is believed will or won't happen
Literature review	Contextualises your report within relevant research development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Succinct analysis of key relevant up to date writings on the subjectFocus on how previous research connects with and leads up to your research <p><i>(Note: Systematic reviews or meta-analytic investigations will give you a good overview of the way the subject has been developed over many years)</i></p>
Method	What you did <i>(in sequence)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explanation of what you did and how you did itParticipants, procedure, materials, techniques or equipment you usedSufficient information for the reader to replicate the study.
Results	What you found	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clearly titled and labelled graphs, tables and figures as appropriate <p><i>(Note- do not simply cut and paste an Excel file into your document)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Detailed calculations may be provided in the appendix.
Discussion	Explanation of what the results mean	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indication of whether the results were (in)consistent with your expectations<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explanation of what possible sources of error there areIndication of how the experiment could be improved in future.
Conclusion	Significance of the results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief restatement of the main resultsBrief explanation of the significance of the findings
References	Sources used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">List of sources of information which you have used, following the referencing conventions required by your course
Appendices	Supporting information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All supporting material you have used which has not appeared so far. For e.g. tables, graphs, questionnaires, calculations, transcripts, etc.