

Writing an Abstract Script

This video scribe will help guide you through writing an abstract for your project.

So, what is an abstract?

An abstract is a well-written but short summary of your project. It allows the reader to understand the essence of your project and to determine if they want to read the full document!

So what should you include.....?

1. Briefly set the context or background of your topic
2. Relay the question or key focus of your work.
3. Provide a brief rationale to show the importance.
4. Share your approach or method
5. Succinctly include your main findings.

And how could you approach this? Aim for 2 sentences for the background and question. Another 2 for the rationale. 2 for the method and 2 linked to the findings. This gives you approximately 8 well-written, concise sentences that aim to engage a reader in your work.

Keep your abstract simple, to-the-point and straightforward. Writing concisely is often challenging so if this is a difficult task, then that is okay!

“I didn't have time to write a short letter, so I wrote a long one instead.” (Mark Twain)

Take the time to write a short concise abstract. The abstract can be located on your front cover or a page on its own at the very beginning of your work.