Academic Writing

**What is academic writing? Academic writing …**

* tasks are written in the appropriate format or genre
* shows and understanding of the topic/assignment question
* identifies position in relation to issues
* uses evidence (references) effectively to form arguments
* demonstrates critical and analytical skills
* presents a logically persuasive argument to support position
* identifies the relevance of the argument

**Types of academic writing**

* Essays
* Case studies
* Reports: analytical or practical
* Summaries or critical reviews
* Annotated bibliography

Writing is difficult for everyone. However, there are some planning and preparation strategies that can help.

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**Structure of academic writing**

All tasks should be presented in a predictable format:

* Essay: introduction, body, conclusion
* Report: executive summary, introduction, literature review (optional), methodology, results, discussion, conclusion and recommendation
* Journal article: abstract, introduction, literature review, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion.