

List of exercises

1. Structure and organization

- Exercise 1: Decide whether these statements about the organization of an IMRaD paper are true or false.
- Exercise 2: Put the sentences from this introduction in the most logical order.
- Exercise 3: Put the sentences from this materials and methods section in the most logical order.
- Exercise 4: Decide in which sections of an article the following statements would be most appropriate.

2. Scientific style

2.1. Principles

- Exercise 5: Work toward defining the principles of scientific style.
- Exercise 6: Identify the problem and suggest an approach to fixing it.

2.2. Clarity

Precision: Avoiding ambiguity

- Exercise 7: Use your imagination to rewrite the following sentences and make them more specific.
- Exercise 8: Multiple choice: choose the best alternative to fill the gaps.
- Exercise 9: Complete the following sentences using the correct word.
- Exercise 10: Decide whether the words in *italics* are used correctly in the following sentences. Suggest an alternative for incorrect usages.
- Exercise 11: Correct the mistakes due to the influence of Spanish in these sentences.
- Exercise 12: Find and correct the false friends in the following sentences.
- Exercise 13: Find and correct the vocabulary mistakes in the following sentences.
- Exercise 14: Identify the words in these sentences that are too informal and replace them with others in a more appropriate register.
- Exercise 15: Correct the mistakes in the use of articles in these sentences when necessary.
- Exercise 16: Put the verb in parentheses in the correct form to agree with subject.
- Exercise 17: Underline the correct form of the verb.
- Exercise 18: Correct the use of Latin plurals in these sentences.
- Exercise 19: Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition indicating place or direction.
- Exercise 20: Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition of place.
- Exercise 21: Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition of time.
- Exercise 22: Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition: at, in, or on.
- Exercise 23: Complete the following sentences using in, into, on, onto, to, or toward.
- Exercise 24: Complete the following sentences with the correct verb-dependent preposition.
- Exercise 25: Complete the following sentences with the correct adjective-dependent preposition.
- Exercise 26: Complete the following sentences with the correct noun-dependent preposition.
- Exercise 27: Find and correct the errors in prepositions in the following sentences.

- Exercise 28: Complete the following sentences using a relative pronoun. If it is possible to omit the pronoun, put an asterisk after it.
- Exercise 29: Punctuate the following sentences according to whether they contain defining or non-defining relative clauses.
- Exercise 30: Place the modifier in the best position.
- Exercise 31: Rearrange the following sentences so that the participle clause functions correctly.
- Exercise 32: Rearrange these sentences so that it is clear what the modifiers are modifying.
- Exercise 33: Complete the sentences using the infinitive or gerund as appropriate.
- Exercise 34: Choose the best verb pattern.
- Exercise 35: Correct the mistakes in the use of verb patterns in these sentences.
- Exercise 36: Choose the modal verb that best completes the sentence.
- Exercise 37: Use Google to decide which of the following arrangements of words is preferable.
- Exercise 38: Place commas where necessary in the following sentences; justify your actions with one of the seven rules from the list below.
- Exercise 39: Decide whether the following sentences are correctly punctuated with introductory commas. Underline the introductory element and correct any mistakes.
- Exercise 40: Add introductory commas where they are needed in the following sentences.
- Exercise 41: Identify the nonessential words, phrases, or clauses in the following sentences and add the appropriate punctuation.
- Exercise 42: Decide whether the essential and nonessential elements in the following sentences are punctuated correctly. If they are incorrect, correct them.
- Exercise 43: The following sentences have essential and nonessential words, phrases, and clauses in them. Put in the necessary punctuation.
- Exercise 44: Each of the following sentences needs either a comma or a semicolon. Put in the necessary punctuation.
- Exercise 45: Add hyphens to the following sentences where necessary.
- Exercise 46: Correct the use of hyphens in the following sentences.
- Exercise 47: Put in commas, semicolons, colons, and parentheses wherever they are needed in the following sentences.
- Exercise 48: Choose the answer with the correct use of capital letters to complete the sentence.
- Exercise 49: Correct the use of capital letters in these titles where necessary.
- Exercise 50: Correct the mistakes in the use of apostrophes in these sentences.
- Exercise 51: Correct the punctuation in the following sentences where necessary.
- Exercise 52: Correct the use of numbers in these sentences.
- Exercise 53: Correct the errors in spelling due to similarities with other valid words.
- Exercise 54: Correct the errors in spelling due to Spanish influence.
- Exercise 55: Correct the errors in spelling due to double consonants.
- Exercise 56: Correct the spelling mistakes in the following text. Mixed spelling mistakes.
- Exercise 57: Identify and eliminate the ambiguity in these sentences.

Simplicity: Avoiding unnecessary complexity

- Exercise 58: Replace the unnecessarily complex words and phrases in these sentences with simpler ones.
- Exercise 59: Rearrange these sentences so that the verb carries the message.
- Exercise 60: Rewrite these sentences to avoid using a double negative.
- Exercise 61: Change these sentences to the active voice where desirable.
- Exercise 62: Break up these long, complex sentences to make a more intelligible text.
- Exercise 63: Expand these noun strings to make their meaning clearer.
- Exercise 64: Eliminate the unnecessary complexity from these sentences.

Concision: Making every word count

- Exercise 65: Eliminate the unnecessary repetitions in these sentences.
Exercise 66: Eliminate the empty words and phrases from these sentences.
Exercise 67: Replace the wordy expressions in these sentences with shorter alternatives.
Exercise 68: Make these sentences more concise.

Fluidity: Keeping the thread

- Exercise 69: Analyze the way these texts are linked.
Exercise 70: Underline examples of how the authors use transitions to make the text cohesive.
Exercise 71: Analyze the order in which information is presented in these texts.
Exercise 72: Rewrite this paragraph to improve the flow of information.
Exercise 73: Rewrite these sentences so that the elements are parallel.
Exercise 74: Correct the inconsistencies in terminology in the following texts.
Exercise 75: Decide whether these sentences are written in US or UK English.
Exercise 76: Correct the mistakes in the use of UK or US English in the following sentences.
Exercise 77: Correct the use of abbreviations in the following texts.
Exercise 78: Rewrite these sentences to make it easier to follow the thread.

3. The overview**Titles**

- Exercise 79: Rewrite the following titles to make them more concise.
Exercise 80: Suggest how these titles might be improved.
Exercise 81: Select the best title for these abstracts.

Abstracts

- Exercise 82: Answer the questions about what is wrong with the following abstracts.
Exercise 83: Organize the following sentences into an abstract with the subsections Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.

Summary statements and conclusions

- Exercise 84: Correct the mistakes in the conclusions of the following abstracts.
Exercise 85: Write a conclusion based on the information provided.

4. Putting it all together: Additional exercises

- Exercise 86: Find and correct the mistakes due to the influence of Spanish in these sentences.
Exercise 87: Change these sentences to make them shorter and simpler.
Exercise 88: List specific ways to ensure the following characteristics in a scientific manuscript.
Exercise 89: Improve these 100 sentences however you can.
Exercise 90: Correct and shorten the abstracts to conform to the journal's requirements.