

Structures of Papers

The introduction should include:

- It should arouse the reader's interest and show the topic's social and academic relevance.
- What is the paper about:
 - a) Problem Question: main questions that will be answered during the text (e.g. What part will the paper play in solving an academic problem? What is not clear/ problematic/ new/ contradictory/ dubious about my object of research?)

A problem question only makes sense if there are no answers to these questions yet.
 - b) Purpose: If the paper is supposed to document, to describe or to summarize something, it only needs a stated purpose (e.g.: ... to collect knowledge about ... to compare theories ... to contribute to the comprehension of ... etc.).
- The used method (Which working steps and which procedures shall lead to the solution?)
- Used material (Which literature and what sources exist about topic and which ones did I choose why?)
- Theoretical position
- Structure of the paper

Main part:

- Divided into chapters (with titles)
- Chapters:

As an introduction: refer to the chapter before and to the problem question of the paper (how the chapter will deal with it)

As a conclusion: summary of what was important in the chapter, what should be remembered by readers

Conclusion could include:

- A summary of the main points of the text
- An interpretation of the results
- An evaluation of the results
- An outlook on possible future research or developments
- Answers to all the questions that were stated in the introduction
- A concluding opinion or final words of the writer

Questions to ask in the end:

Is there a general line-of-thought?

Is the text going fluently?

Did you explain quotes and introduce them well?