

Structure for Psych Lab Assessment 2 (Report)

Each of the sections should be clearly presented and you should have a page break between each. Your report should include:

1. Title page
2. Abstract
3. Introduction
4. Methods
5. Results
6. Discussion
7. Reference List
8. Appendices

Please note, this guidance is only for your Psych Lab Report Assessment and may not apply to any other assessment you may be asked to complete in your other modules – for guidance on those assessment, please refer to the specific Moodle pages.

1. Title page:

- Clearly setting out the title of the Research Report and the module it is associated with (module title and code)

2. Abstract (max 150 words – not include in the overall word count):

- Giving a very brief summary of the topic area, what you did and what you found

3. Introduction:

- Introducing the topic area – what is the Serial Position Effect? What is the Primacy-Recency Effect?
- Previous literature and theories related to the topic (make sure there is a range of classic and contemporary literature included – references and in-text citations are key!)
- End this section with the study aims and hypothesis.

4. Methods:

Participants:

- How many participants did you get?
- Where did they come from?
- How many males and females?

- What is the age range? (Include mean age and Standard Deviation)

Design:

- What is the IV? (Number of words and the serial position of the words in the recall task)
- What is the DV? (Number of correctly recalled words by participants)
- Is it a within-subjects or between-subjects design?
- What analysis are you planning on doing? (No statistical analysis – however, the total scores for each word were calculated to explore U-shaped Serial Position curve...)

Materials:

- Superlab task (How were the words presented? For how long? What font and size words did you use?)
- Words from TWP (chosen specifically for their 'Concreteness' – include the mean concreteness from the TWP paper)
- Information Sheet
- Consent
- Demographics
- Debrief

Link all of the above to the Appendices – e.g., *'A information sheet was provided to participants prior to taking part in the study (See Appendix A)'*

Procedure:

- Show what participants had to do during the study – this should be displayed in the order in which participants completed each stage

5. Results

Show how you dealt with the data:

- Any repeated or misspelt words were excluded
- Total scores for each correct recall were calculated
- Present results in a Graph to show the SPE curve (this must be in APA format!)
- Talk about the results – does your data show the primacy-recency effect?
- Are there any anomalies in the data?
- Can you accept the original hypothesis?

6. Discussion:

- Reiterate your hypothesis and state whether you can accept your hypothesis
- How do your findings relate to the previous literature?
- If you had any anomalies, are there any possible reasons for this? (e.g., breakthrough of any particular words – base this on previous findings)
- Potential weaknesses of your study and suggestions for future research

- Conclusion

7. Reference list:

This must be in APA format!

8. Appendix:

- Add all of your materials here
- Information sheet
- Consent
- Demographics questions
- Debrief
- Table of words used in the presentation order, including the number of correct recalls (this must be in APA format!)