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**Guidelines for Writing an Abstract**

**Definition**-an abstract is a brief summary of a research study.

**Purpose:**

To summarize the research study

To assist the reader in deciding whether or not a study meets his/her need

To provide the reader with an overview of the remaining sections of the report

**Characteristics:**

- Consists of 100 to 300 words
- Typically includes a purpose statement
- Describes research methods used
- Describes the sample and setting
- Provides a summary of findings and conclusions
- Can be organized using various headings that could include the following- Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusions/Implications.