

ENV201
Writing Methods, Results, and Discussion

Questions

Please answer the questions in small groups based on the sample from the example article.

Methods:

- What is significant about last sentence in second paragraph?
- Why the level of detail in paragraph 3?
- Why all the sources in paragraph 5?
- Why do authors define “neighbourhood” in paragraph 7? Isn’t this common knowledge?

Results:

- Why is the word “suggested” used in paragraph 3? What is the rhetorical effect”?
- What verb tense is used to refer to tables and charts? What tense is used for all interpretations of the data in those tables and charts? Why the difference?

Discussion:

- What is purpose of paragraph 1?
- Why all the references in paragraph 2?
- Identify ‘signal’ words used in the discussion.