

APA EMPIRICAL RESEARCH REPORT EVALUATION RUBRIC

	3 PTS	2 PTS	1 PT	0 PTS	RATING	WEIGHT
1) TITLE PAGE, ABSTRACT (5%)						
a) APA-Style Title Page	Fully APA Compliant	Non-Compliant Running Head or Title or Author(s)/Affiliation	2 or More Non-Compliant Elements	Missing		1%
b) Abstract Length (150-250 words)	Fully Compliant	Up to 50 Words Too Long/Short	More than 50 Words Too Long/Short	Missing		1%
c) Articulate Summary of the Following 4 Components - Purpose, Method, Results, Implications	Fully Compliant	Missing Clear Articulation of 1 of 4 Components	Missing Clear Articulation of 2 or more Components	Missing		3%
2) INTRODUCTION (20%)						
a) Statement of the Problem	Research Question Well Articulated and Evident	Research Question Evident but Less Clearly Articulated	Research Question Barely Evident or not Well Articulated	Missing		3%
b) Review of the Literature	Well Organized (Broad to Specific); Provides a Logical Rationale for Hypothesis	Reasonably Well Organized; Less Logical Development of Rationale for Hypothesis	Simple Listing of Summarized Sources; Missing Transitions; Missing Rationale for Hypothesis	Missing		12%
c) Hypothesis/Hypotheses	Logically Developed; Well Articulated; Testable	Evident but Less Logically Developed; Testable	Barely Evident; Lacking Logical Development or Non-Testable as Stated	Missing		5%
3) METHOD (20%)						
a) Participants	Count, Composition, Sampling Method Clarified	Count Specified; Composition or Sampling Method not Specified	Little More than Specification of Participant Count	Missing		5%
b) Materials/Apparatus	Appropriate Heading; Clear Description of Apparatus, Materials or Test Instrument; Manufacturer and Model # Provided (if Applicable)	Inappropriate Heading or Incomplete Description or Missing Manufacturer and Model # (if Applicable)	Incomplete Description that Would Preclude Replication	Missing		5%
c) Procedure	Research Design Appropriate/Explicitly Specified (Separate Heading?); Well-Articulated Step-By-Step Description that Allows for Precise Replication	Research Design Appropriate but not Specified or Missing Minor Element(s) that Would Make Replication Challenging	Research Design not Appropriate or Missing Major Element(s) that Would Make Replication Difficult or Impossible	Missing		10%
4) RESULTS (20%)						
a) Descriptive Results/Stats	Clearly-Stated Summary of Findings; Appropriate Presentations of Ns, Means, SDs, %, etc. (as Applicable); Logically Ordered	Missing Minor Elements (e.g., SDs in a Parametric Analysis) or Confusing Order of Presentation	Missing Major Elements (e.g., Any Group Means in a Parametric Analysis; Any Frequency Counts/Percentages in a Non-Parametric Analysis)	Incorrectly Calculated Results		5%
b) Inferential Results/Stats	Appropriate and Clearly Presented Inferential Analyses (100% APA Compliant); Logically Ordered	Appropriate Analysis; Missing <i>no More than One</i> Aspect of APA-Style Presentation (e.g., df or p values) or Not Logically Ordered	Appropriate Analysis; Missing <i>More than One</i> Aspect of APA-Presented Inferential Results	Incorrect Analysis		10%
c) Figures/Tables	Appropriately Referenced in Narrative; Correctly Placed at End of Report; Precise Adherence to APA Style Regarding Titles, Captions and Labels	Missing <i>no More than One</i> Aspect (e.g., Missing Axis Label, Missing Caption/Title) or Not Appropriately Referenced in Narrative or Embedded in Narrative	Missing <i>More than One</i> Aspect (e.g., Missing Axis Label, Missing Caption/Title) and/or Not Appropriately Referenced in Narrative and/or Embedded in Narrative	Missing (if Applicable)		5%
5) DISCUSSION (20%)						
a) Hypothesis	Clear Summary of Findings Confirming/ Disconfirming Research Hypothesis	Summary of Findings Without Explicitly Addressing Hypothesis	Substandard Summary of Findings	Missing		3%
b) Relevance to Past Research	Explicit and Well-Articulated Relevance to Past Research in the Subject Area	Reasonable Attempt to Relate Findings to Studies Cited in the Introduction	Substandard Effort to Relate Results to Past Research Cited in the Introduction	Missing		7%
c) Implications/Applications	Clearly Developed and Insightful	Less Developed or Less Insightful	More or Less a Restatement of Results	Missing		7%
d) Limitations & Future Research	Clearly, Appropriately and Creatively Articulated	Less Accurate Identifying Limitations or Less Creative Identifying Future Research	Failing to Address either Limitations or Possible Future Research	Missing		3%
6) APA-STYLE (5%)						
a) Organization of Report	General Overall Formatting 100% APA Compliant	At Least 90% APA Compliant	At Least 75% APA Compliant	Less than 75% Compliant		1%
b) In-Text Citations	100% APA Compliant	At Least 90% APA Compliant	At Least 75% APA Compliant	Less than 75% Compliant		2%
c) References	100% APA Compliant	At Least 90% APA Compliant	At Least 75% APA Compliant	Less than 75% Compliant		2%
d) Other	Font, Margins, Headings, Spacing, Appendices 100% APA Compliant	At Least 90% APA Compliant	At Least 75% APA Compliant	Less than 75% Compliant		1%
7) WRITING STYLE/MECHANICS (10%)						
a) Structure	Well-Structured Paragraphs and Sentences	Generally Well-Structured Paragraphs and Sentences	Substantive Paragraph/Sentence-Structure Issues	Poorly Written		5%
b) Writing Style	No Spelling, Punctuation, Grammatical, Typographical Errors	Minor Spelling, Punctuation, Grammatical, Typographical Errors	Major Spelling, Punctuation, Grammatical, Typographical Errors	Poorly Written		5%

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