

Writing A Discussion Section

OUTLINE AND EXPLANATION

A discussion section should include the strengths and limitations of your paper, future implications for your results, and go more into depth about what your results mean.

Important Concepts to Address in Your Discussion Section

1. Strengths

- a. Did your study have a large sample size?
- b. Did your study analyze a specific population that has not been largely researched before?
- c. Did your study have unique variables?
- d. These are all strengths that you can mention in your discussion section.

2. Limitations

- a. Did your study have a small sample size?
- b. Did your study measure variables directly, or indirectly?
- c. Were there confounding variables?
- d. Did something go wrong in your experiment?
- e. These are all limitations that you can mention in your discussion section.

3. Future implications

- a. What should future studies about this topic do differently?
- b. What still needs to be explained or studied?
- c. Can this study be replicated in the future?
- d. What implications do your results have for the population you researched?
- e. What implications do your results have for current hypotheses about your topic?