

Academic Writing:

Identifying and Selecting Appropriate Sources

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Outline

- **Purposes** of academic writing
- **Key steps** in finding appropriate sources

Purposes of Academic Writing

- ❑ To **report** on results of research
- ❑ To **discuss** a topic of common interest
- ❑ To **comment** on a piece of work of other writers
- ❑ To **synthesize** research conducted by others on a specific topic

Key Steps

- **Planning** your search
- **Narrowing** and focusing
- **Evaluating** the source
- **Keeping track** of the sources

Planning your search

1. Think about what you already know
2. What sort of information are you looking for?
3. Decide on the best place to look

Searching

1. Use some of the key words you have already thought about
2. If you don't find anything within a reasonable time period, be prepared to change your strategy.
3. If you have too many results, add key words to make your search more specific.

Evaluating the sources you find

1. A quick way of judging the quality:

✓ **Who**

✓ **When**

2. Journal articles: peer review can provide a guide to academic quality

Keeping track of the sources you find

Record

What

Where

When

Finally, ...

make sure that you

- Plan
- Narrow
- Evaluate
- Keep track



Thank You

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Source

Academic Writing: A Handbook for International Students 3rd Edition by Stephen Bailey

Musics

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