

## How to write a simple Discussion & Conclusion

### Discussion Section

Look at the two samples of Results and Discussion sections. What are the main differences between them?

#### Results

To the first question being “Do you suffer from migraines?”, ten participants (6 females, 4 males, including the teacher) answered yes, and thirteen answered no. Of the second question, “What treatments do you use?”, two girls said that they did nothing, just tried to sleep. Three males and three females reported they used Bufferin, taking two tablets, in two doses in a 24 hour period. One girl reported using a specialised migraine medicine called Sumagrin, taking one dose in a 24 hour period. The teacher reported that he would take three Bufferin tablets early in the morning, and two again at lunch time.

#### Discussion

It appears that Bufferin is the most used medication for migraines in Meijo University. Interesting, treatments in figure one are lined up from least to most expensive, and the popularity conversely is least expensive being most popular to most expensive being least popular. Despite more effective medicines being available for migraines participants prefer Bufferin perhaps due to the cost effectiveness. University students often have little money to spare for expensive treatments, which may explain the use of Bufferin and non-treatments like ‘sleeping it off’. Some of the participants reported that Bufferin did not always work, but often did. Despite this, only one student used a migraine medicine. Sumagrin is expensive, and so price may explain its rarity.

In simple English, what is the difference?

*The Discussion provides a human-readable summary of the Results with some analysis and opinion about the Results. Also, connect your results to other public information.*

Draw lines and match these numbers and words

Results vocab'	Discussion vocab'
5 times a day ☉	☉ Often
4 times a month ☉	☉ Some people
90% of people ☉	☉ Frequently
30% of people ☉	☉ Almost no one
1% of people ☉	☉ Most people

What other words other ‘Discussion vocabulary’ is used in the above example?

## **Conclusion section**

Look at the sample below.

① In conclusion, most migraine sufferers in this study seem to prefer cheaper migraine treatments. Students are often limited in financial resources and this appears to be reflected in their choice of treatments. ② Additionally, it is proposed that financial or similar support be provided to student migraine sufferers, so that they can effectively participate in education. However, it is uncertain how much benefit this would provide students. ③ Consequently, more research on this topic is needed in the future.

There are three parts to the above example. What are they?

1. *Summary of results, in 'human' language*

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2. *Proposal for how to improve something about society*

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3. *Your suggestion for future research*

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## **Review of key words**

Fill in the blanks

(1) \_\_\_\_\_, most migraine sufferers in this study seem to prefer cheaper migraine treatments. Students are often limited in financial resources and this appears to be reflected in their choice of treatments. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, it is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that financial or similar support be provided to student migraine sufferers, so that they can effectively participate in education. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, it is uncertain how much benefit this would provide students. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, more research on this topic is needed in the future.