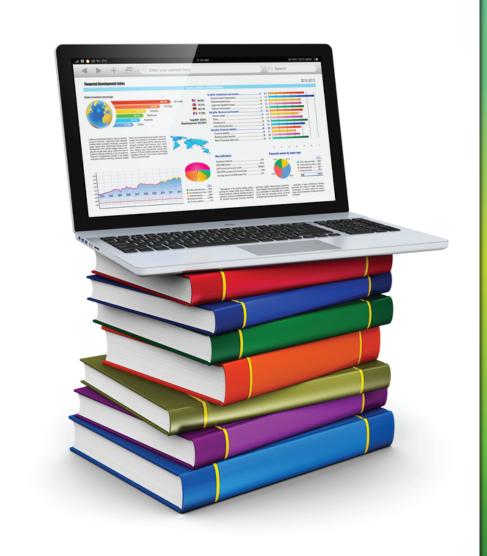
Writing a Report

Purpose:

To provide factual information about an object, person, animal, place or event.





Examples of Different Types of Reports:

Information Report

To classify and / or describe.

Descriptive Report

To describe in detail.

Investigative Report

To record feelings and observations.

Scientific / Technical Report

To record technical information.



documentaries



guides



experimental reports



reference books

Structure:

- 1) Classification:
 - A general statement or classification.
- 2) Description:
 - Description organised according to category.
- 3) Concluding Statement:
 - A summary of the information provided.

Structural Features:

- * Use a title.
- * Organise by paragraphs or
- * Use subheadings.

Language Features:

- * Use passive voice.
- * Use formal and impersonal language.
- * Use timeless present tense.
- * Use generalised terms.
- * Use technical language.
- * Be objective. Focus on facts not opinion.
- * Write facts that are accurate.

Questions to Ask Yourself:

Classification: What is it?

Description: What does it look like? Where is it located?

What can it do? What are its special features?