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# Psychology Practical Report Checklist

Highlighted statements are for A2 coursework only

Title	Done	To do
Does the title include the variables under investigation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Abstract</b>		
1. Have you stated what you are studying?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you mentioned the aim/hypothesis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you described the essentials of the research method?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you stated the sampling method and total number of P's?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. What did you discover? Give a statement of your results.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have you stated if the hypothesis is accepted / rejected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Who cares (seriously)? What is the importance of your research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Introduction</b>		
1. Have you referred to some theory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you described one or two relevant studies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the literature logically linked to the aim and hypothesis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Aims and hypothesis (part of the introduction)</b>		
1. Why have you studied this topic? Have you stated your aim(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you stated an unambiguous alternate hypothesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you stated whether the hypothesis is one- or two-tailed? (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. And a null hypothesis? (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you given the desired level of significance (A2)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Method (4 subsections)</b>		
<b>Design:</b>		
1. Have you stated the type of research method used?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you stated the IV (both conditions)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you stated the DV and how it was measured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you identified an extraneous variable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you explained how this EV <b>might</b> affect your DV?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have you explained any (EV) controls you used? And why?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Have you stated the experimental design and why you chose it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Have you stated the number of participants for each IV group?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Have you mentioned ethical considerations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Method (4 subsections)

### Participants:

10. Have you described the participants and the target population from which they were drawn (including a geographical location)?
11. Have you stated what sampling method was used?
12. Have you explained why that sampling method was chosen?
13. Have stated how many participants were tested?

### Materials:

14. Have you included a description of all materials that you used?
15. Have you included specimens of materials in your appendices?

### Procedure:

16. Have you included the brief, standardises instructions and debrief?
17. Could someone else replicate (copy) your study from this detail?
18. Have you used "quotation marks" where necessary?

**Results**

1. Have you given a table of raw data (in the appendix)?
2. Have you provided (and justified) descriptive statistics for your data (e.g. means, standard deviation, bar chart etc.)?
3. Have you labelled axes on graphs, columns on data tables, and given clear titles?
4. Have you justified why any statistical tests were used (A2)?
5. Have you shown included any calculations in the appendix?
6. Does your statement of conclusion contain details of the level of significance, the critical and observed values, degrees of freedom, and whether the hypothesis was one- or two-tailed (A2)?
7. Have you described the differences between the IV groups?
8. Have you stated the conclusion in terms of the original hypotheses?

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**Discussion**

1. Do you refer back to your introduction?
2. Have you stated what your results mean in relation to your hypothesis?
3. Did you explain why you got such results?
4. Have you compared your results to those of other studies?
5. Have you identified a limitation to your study?
6. How would you improve the study if you were to do it again?
7. Have you included any ideas for follow up studies?
8. What do your results mean for people in the real world?
9. Do you have a concluding paragraph?

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**References**

1. Have you included all references mentioned?
2. Have you included at least one reference?
3. Have you followed the correct form for presenting references?

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**Appendices**

1. Are these clearly labelled and well set out?

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**Communication**

1. Have you adopted a suitable structure and format (headings, etc.)?
2. Did you write the report in the third person (not used "I" or "Me")
3. Have you checked your spelling and used appropriate terminology?

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**Word Limit**

1. Is the report under 1500 words (not including tables / appendix)?
2. Is the report under 2000 words (A2)?

