# Reading Corpus Linguistic Research Papers

# Introduction

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| 1. What is the topic of the study?    1. What is the linguistic phenomenon under investigation (give an example!)?    2. What aspect of the phenomenon is under investigation, what factors are expected to play a role in the description and explanation?    3. What is the specific research question or hypothesis? |  |
| 1. What is the current state of knowledge about the phenomenon in the field?    1. Are there current publications that deal with the same question?    2. How is the phenomenon described in current reference works (grammars, dictionaries)? |  |
| 1. What is the broader purpose of the study? |  |
| 1. Why (or for whom) is this research question relevant? |  |

# Methods

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| 1. What corpus or corpora were selected for the study and why? |  |
| 1. How were the data extracted?    1. What query was used?    2. Were the data checked manually?    3. Were specific cases excluded individually?    4. Is the entire data set included in the analysis or just a random sample |  |
| 1. How were the data categorized?    1. What categories were used and why?    2. How were the data assigned to the categories (annotation) |  |

# Results

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| 1. What is the answer to the research question? |  |
| 1. Is the hypothesis supported by the results, or is it falsified? |  |
| 1. Are there potential problems with the data set, for example in terms of size or quality? |  |

# Discussion

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| 1. How do the results relate to the current state of knowledge in the field? |  |
| 1. What follows from the answer? How is it relevant in terms of theory or application |  |
| 1. What are the limits of the study? How could it be expanded in future research? |  |