
Letter to a fellow student in a different discipline



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You have already done a lot of research and reading for your project, but now lost track? You just can't seem to find the right words and keep putting off writing?

Consider taking a few minutes to write a letter to a friend who does not study the same subject as you do. Give a brief and concise overview of your topic and explain how you are going to structure your work. Use simple words and phrases, so that your friend can easily understand what you are presenting to them although they do not have subject-specific knowledge.

Dear Nana,

The topic of my work is ...

Basically, it will be about ...

Casually speaking, my goal is ...

In the first chapter, I will discuss ...

Next, I will point out ...

Example letter

Write about your entire project in this manner, and the result will be a first draft of your paper. You can then proceed to improve the structure and the content of your paper and work on your wording as well.

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