

# DISSERTATION CARE PACKAGE

## Writing a Strong Paper & Saying Goodbye to the Dissertation Blues

### WRITE THE INTRO LAST

Jot a few sentences to sketch your main thoughts and serve as a placeholder while you write the body of your dissertation. Draft Methods and Results first, since these parts are straightforward. Most importantly, writing your intro last will help maintain logical consistency throughout your paper.

"The problem is once you've written the opening paragraph and worked out how the rest of the story will go in your head, there's nothing in it for you."

— Colm Toibin

**Finishing parts you've already started will give you traction to finish the rest!**

"If you can't explain something simply, you don't understand it well enough."

— Albert Einstein

For tips on editing for wordiness, check out our articles at [wordvice.com/blog](http://wordvice.com/blog)

### BE CLEAR & CONCISE

Each paragraph should be complete and summarizable in one sentence, the topic sentence, which should be near the beginning of each paragraph. Theoretically, a reader should be able to read the first lines of each paragraph and easily understand the flow of your argument.

### KISS YOUR INNER EDITOR GOODBYE

While you are writing your first draft, don't try to edit. The objective of a first draft is to get all your ideas down on paper. If you constantly stop to re-examine every word you write, you might find yourself getting nowhere.

"You might not write well every day, but you can always edit a bad page. You can't edit a blank page."

— Jodi Picoult

**Curious about what tenses to use in your research papers? Check out this article!**

"When you're ready, pick it up and read it... If there are things you aren't satisfied with as a reader, go in and fix them as a writer: that's revision."

— Neil Gaiman

**Need help revising your draft, check out our dissertation editing services!**

### DO THE UNUSUAL WHEN EDITING

Read your manuscript in reverse order. This technique will help you overcome your brain's tendency to overlook mistakes you've written because your eyes have become accustomed to the text.

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### PACE YOURSELF

Procrastinating on a document that could be upwards of 300 pages would be foolish, to say the least! A specific method that we recommend is the Pomodoro Technique. Write for 20-25 minutes, take a 5-minute break. Rinse and repeat.

"Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on."  
— Louis L'Amour

**Dissertation writing is a marathon, not a sprint!**

"And the idea of just wandering off to a cafe with a notebook and writing and seeing where that takes me for awhile is just bliss."  
— J. K. Rowling

**Find mental hacks that work for you. Sometimes, you have to fool yourself into writing!**

### FIND YOUR WRITING SPOT

Designating a space as your "writing spot" will make your brain associate that space with writing and help you when you're not feeling motivated

### FIND A WRITING BUDDY

Being accountable to someone else can add the pressure you might need to write regularly. As a bonus, you can socialize after each writing session!

"Most goals people set are not achieved because they are not held accountable for them... people stop being motivated, stop focusing and stop prioritizing."  
— Bola Onada Sokunbis

**You're not alone! Use your support network to motivate you!**

"This is how you do it: you sit down at the keyboard and you put one word after another until its done. It's that easy, and that hard."  
— Neil Gaiman

### FIND YOUR OPTIMAL FOCUS TIME

If you're a true night owl, write after 4 PM. If you're an early riser, hammer out your writing within the first THREE hours of waking up!

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