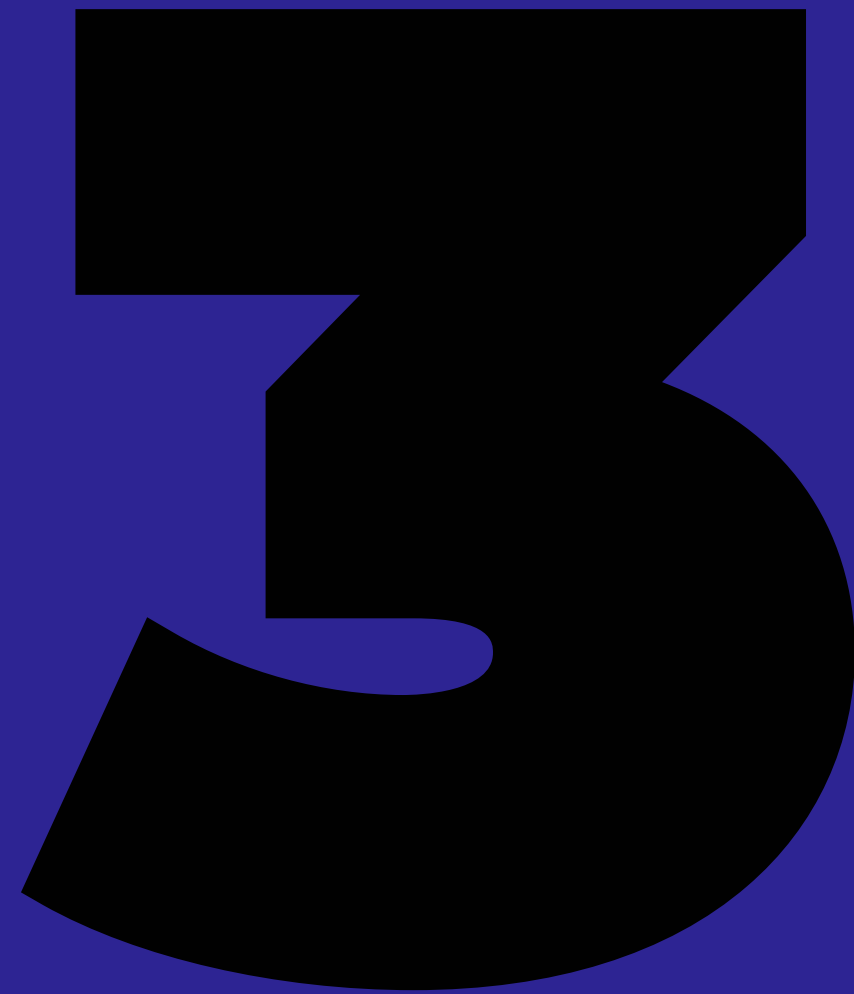


BRITISH ACADEMIC WRITING

The Rule of Three

In this session:

- 1. What is the Rule of Three?**
- 2. How to employ it?**
- 3. Why to use this principle?**



The Rule of Three - an intro

- Based on human pattern recognition
- It uses a collection on THREE
words/phrases/lines/sentences/sections
- This technique crafts memorable concepts

How to employ the Rule of Three?

In a paragraph

1. Start with the introductory idea
2. Then exemplify and argue it
3. Finish with a short summary of your idea; link to next paragraph

In a chapter

1. Start with the introductory section about the chapter
2. Middle sections where you develop the introduction
3. Conclusion of the chapter where you sum up the discussion and link it to the bigger research aim.

Useful vocabulary to signal your triad

1. Introduce

Usually a general statement

To introduce another idea:

additionally, similarly, moreover, on the one hand-on the other hand

2. Exemplify-Explain

this means/suggests/infers that...

this refers to...

in fact, essentially, in short...

3. Conclude

therefore, thus, consequently, subsequently...

in conclusion, to sum up, in sum...

The Rule of Three and critical thinking in academic writing

1. Structural tool
2. Cohesion
3. Flow
4. Strong argumentation

