

Report Writing

Course Outline

Course Level: Beginners & Intermediate

Audience: Anyone

Prerequisites: None

Course Duration: 1 Day

In this day-long highly practical course you will learn:



Report Writing Strategy

- How people read and what are the implications for an author?
- What do you need to consider before writing?
- What is the ideal structure of a technical writing or report?
- How to think of your purpose to make your writing activity easier
- What is the ideal tense to use in report writing?
- When should you write in first-person, second-person or third-person?

Persuading Readers

- What are the common persuasion tactics employed by authors?
- What are the differences between direct and indirect approaches to persuasion?
- When should you go for global view in contrast with the details?
- When should you explain complex content in contrast with simple content?
- How to sequence your content based on common dimensions, such as urgency, importance and chronology

Collecting and Organising Content

- What is the most effective way to prepare content for writing reports?
- How to organise your content
- How to increase your creativity using simple yet powerful tools and techniques

Styling and Presentation

- How to use headings
- How to increase the visual impact of your presentation to get maximum effect
- How to use tables, graphs, bullet points, margins, etc. to enhance your message
- What are the most effective styles such as fonts, font sizes, effects, paginations and line spacing? How to use these styles to make your message clearer.

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Increasing the Impact through Language

- How to deliver your message as quickly and clearly as possible
- What are the common techniques employed by professional writers in delivering an engaging text?
- How to make your message viral
- How to avoid vague writing that can lead to misunderstanding
- How to use technical terms to serve your message
- What is an ideal tone to convince a reader and keep him engaged?
- How to sequence your statements to make them more convincing

Using Clear English

- How to increase the clarity of your English using simpler sentence structures
- How to use action verbs
- How to warm up the reader before explaining potentially complex topics

High Impact Summaries

- How to structure executive summaries
- How to plan summaries to get best results
- Which areas need more focus and are read more frequently?

Writing Titles that Grab Attention

- How to use proven formulas used by mass media to create engaging titles
- How to create catchy or descriptive headlines

Selling Your Ideas

- How to write to sell
- How to structure your text to convince your audience of your cause
- How to appeal to emotions