

# IMRaD



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Structure warm-up

# What should be included in the various parts of the text?

**I**ntroduction

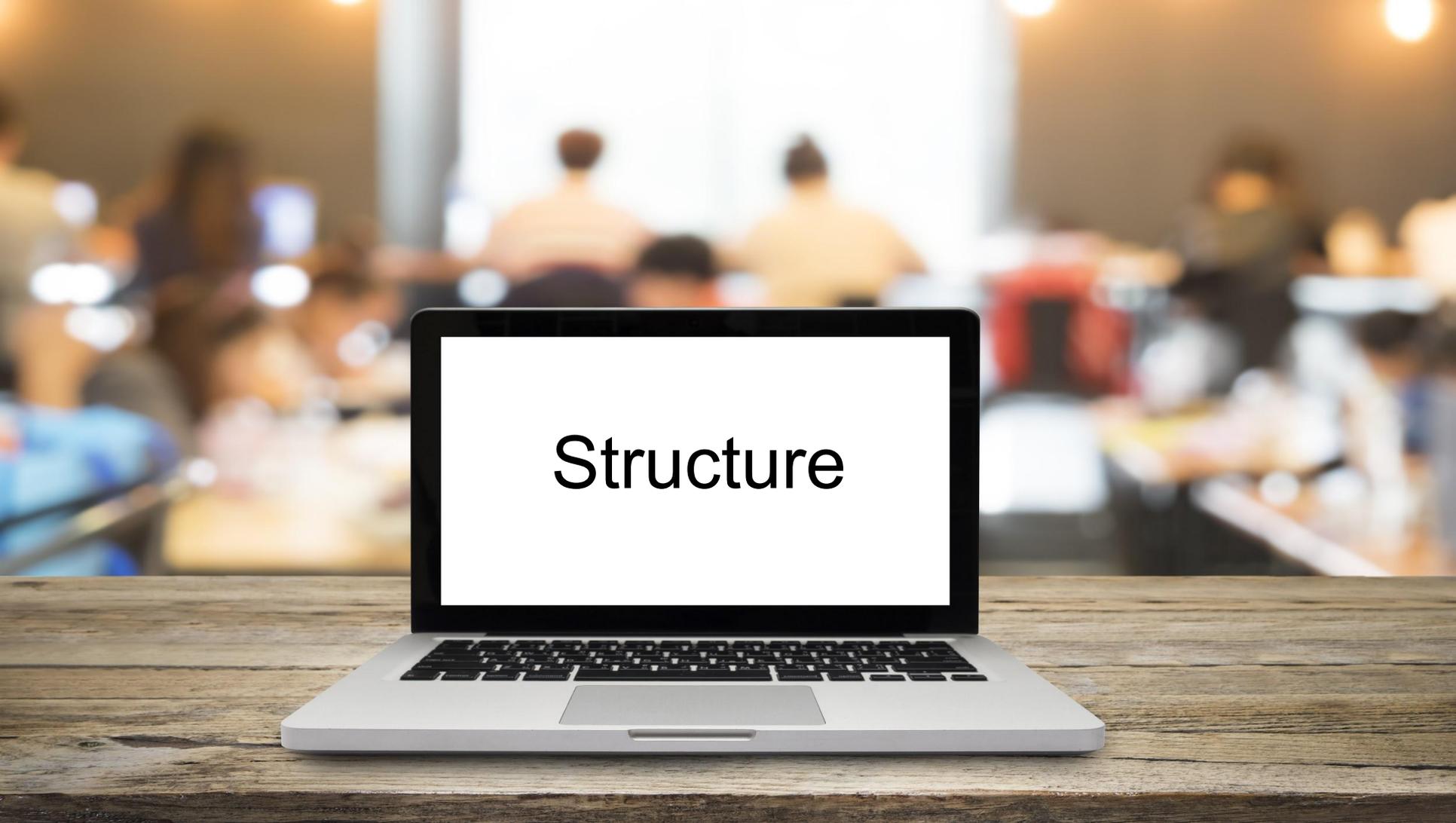
**T**heory

**M**ethods

**R**esults

**D**iscussion

**C**onclusion

A silver laptop is open on a rustic wooden table. The laptop screen is white and displays the word "Structure" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a cafe or office, with several people sitting at tables. The lighting is warm and ambient.

Structure

# What do you want to find out?

Step 1: Establishing a territory (interest)

Step 2: Establishing a niche (gap)

Step 3: Occupying the niche (purpose)

Present the problem you will study

Indicate gaps in previous research

## Introduction

Indicate the structure of your paper (optional)

Present existing research (What conversation are you joining?)

Present your research question/  
purpose statement

# What is the theoretical background?

How did you find your literature? (Where have you searched?)

**Theory**

Definitions

Relevant concepts

Theoretical background (What conversation are you joining?)

Criticism of theoretical background

Why have you chosen this literature?

# What did you do?

Selection criteria

Procedure

Where?

What?

When?

Do you have to apply to NSD?

Figures: models, diagrams, pictures, illustrations

**M**ethods

How?

Who?

Why?

Who/what is studied?

Explain why you chose the methods that you chose

Texts  
Observations  
Data  
Sources  
Cases  
Theories

Limitations:

- With the method
- With the data
- With the chosen population

Past tense: what you *have* done

# What did you find out?

What did you find out by using the methods you described?

**Presentation of data**

A comprehensive and analytic view of the results

**Tables**

**Figures**

**Results**

“Objective” observations of findings

Present the results in a systematic manner

Point out the relevant results

\*It may be appropriate to combine the results and discussion.

# What does it mean?

- Interpret
- Compare
- Describe limitations
- Discussion

Answer your research question

Explain & interpret your results: How do the results correspond to your hypothesis/research question, the theory/theories you presented, other studies?

“I say - They say”

## Discussion

Limitations:

- How reliable and valid is your research?
- What could you have done differently?

Relevant questions to answer:

- What have I researched?
- Which results have I contributed with?
- How do these results compare to previous research?
- How do these results compare to theory?
- Have I solved any problems, either theoretical or practical?
- If yes, what and how?
- If no, have I showed that these problems could not be solved the way I thought they could?

What is the significance of your research?

# Summing up

**No new ideas/arguments**

Summary of most important points/findings

**Conclusion**

Have you reached a conclusion?

Do you have suggestions for future research? Have you revealed new gaps?

# IMRaD Format

