Science Research Writing For Non-Native Speakers of English

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第2章「Unit 2 Writing about Methodology」の紹介資料

この本について



- 分かりやすい科学論文を書くためのマニュアル本
- 査読通過のためのノウハウ本ではない





- Non-nativeが英語論文を書くためのサポートがしっかりしている
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 - 30年の理系学生へのWriting指導経験
 - 15年間: English Language Support Programme at Imperial College, London
 - 科学論文を書く留学生を指導
- Amazonで第1章の途中まで立ち読み可
 - 今回その範囲までを紹介(私は立ち読みの末、購入)

Science Writingは簡単だ

- Science Writingは思ったより簡単だ
 - そんなに難しい英語を使う必要はない
 - ・マニュアルに従えば書ける
- ほとんどの科学論文はConventionalな構成
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Central section (what was done what was found)
 - Discussion and/or Conclusion
 - Acknowledgements / Reference
- 専門用語以外は、**決まった単語群から選ぶだけ**でいい
 - attempt, conduct, interpret, evaluate, determine, implement, formulate, classify, correlate, enhance, etc.
 - Vocabularyの項に、項目ごとの相応しい単語リストがついている



この本の使い方

- •この本の使い方
 - •既存の論文から学ぶ方法を知る
 - Writingのお手本として既存論文を読み込む方法
 - 論文を書くためのマニュアル
 - 論文構成のテンプレート、使える文法・単語のリスト
- ・論文各章と対応した、章立て
 - Unit1: Introduction
 - Unit2: Methodology 🦾 今回ココの話
 - Unit3: Results
 - Unit4: Discussion or Conclusion
 - Unit5: Abstract and Title



この本の使い方



- 全ての章は同じ構成で書かれている
 - 文献の例文
 - 文法とライティング手法
 - モデル(テンプレート)
 - 頻出単語リスト
 - 実際に書いてみる(課題)

自分の分野の論文を幾つか探して、それら と本書のコンセプトを対応づけながら読む ことを推奨

※ただし、Nativeが書いたものを選ぶこと

Unit1: Introduction

- Introductionの役割
 - Central report sectionへスムーズにつなげる
 - 一般的なことから、徐々にフォーカスを絞る
- Introductionはいつ書くか
 - Central Report Section (少なくともドラフト) を書いてから書くのがよい
- この章で説明すること
 - Introductionの書き出しはどうするか
 - Introductionにどのような情報をどんな順番で書 くか
 - Introductionの終わりはどうするか



Unit2: Writing about Methodology

- 呼び方は分野やJournalによる
 - Materials and Methods, Procedure, Experiments, Exprerimental, Simulation, Methodology or Model
- 多くのJournalには著者へのGuideがある
- 再現できるレベルの詳細を説明
- 読者が再現できることだけでなく、理解し 受け入れられることが重要(⇒説得の要素 が必要)







Grammar and Writing Skills

- Methodologyセクションで重要な文法エリア
 - Passive and tense pairs :
 - Use of 'a' and 'the' :
 - Adverbs and adverb location :
- 受動態と時制 「a」と「the」の使い分け 副詞と副詞を置く位置



Passive and tense pairs: 受動態と時制



- 能動態か受動態か
 - Journal/Conferenceによる(それぞれのガイドを参照)
 - •研究グループの一員として行った研究では**能動態を使ってもよい**
 - PhD Thesisなど個人で行った研究は受動態
 - ・ほとんどのケースは受動態
 - 論文中の受動態は、主語を省略する
 - We/I collected the samples.
 - The samples were collected. (by me)
- •時制は現在形か過去形
 - ほとんどのケースは、
 - ・ 受動態の現在(Present simple passive)
 - ・ 受動態の過去(Past simple passive)

標準的な手法と独自の手法の書き分け



- 使い分け
 - 標準的な手法:
 - 独自の手法(自分がやったこと):

受動態の現在(Present simple passive) 受動態の過去(Past simple passive)

- Samples for gas analysis were collected using the method described by Brown (1999), which uses a pneumatic air sampling pumps.
- ただし、標準的な手法を使って自分でやった場合など、Past Simpleで書くこと もある
 - ・そこで、
 - 独自な手法だと分かるような工夫をする
 - In this study, ..., In our experiments, ...
 - Activeにする: We ...
 - Dummy subjectを使う: This experiment ...
 - 他人の手法の場合
 - Referenceを付ける
 - 人の手法だと示す: ... in their work, ... in their model, as in ...

補足:情報系論文の場合(私見)

- •本の中で取り扱う論文は実験系が多い
 - •実験(人が行う手順)が重要な分野
 - 行った手順を過去形で書く
- ・情報系論文では**能動態の現在形**が多用されている
 - 能動態の使用
 - 「We xxx」という形がよく見られる
 - 現在形の使用
 - 例えば、ネットワーク構造の説明などは現在形しか使いようがない
 - 処理の手順についても人手で行わずコンピュータが行うので現在形のほうが自然
 - 「こういうチョイスをした」などの言い方で過去形が使われている
 - 「こういう実験を行った」なども過去形が使われる



ALTHE

- 冠詞を付けるかどうか?
 - 単数の数えられる名詞には冠詞を付ける
 - •しかし、数えられない名詞でも複数形で使われることがある
 - There has been three **deaths** this year.
 - Many industries rely on fossil fuels.
 - 不加算名詞でも、使い方によって加算名詞になる単語に注意する(本文中に リストあり)
 - 常に不加算名詞の単語の例
 - access, advice, age, earth, electricity, ...
 - 加算名詞になりえる単語の例
 - absence, analysis, age, agriculture, cancer, ...



AとTHE

- AとTheの使い分け
 - 「A」は一般的な参照(General reference)?
 - 「The」は特定の参照(Specific reference)?

• ⇒Not Really!



AETHE

- AとTheの使い分け
 - 自分と読者の両方がそれが何かを分かっている場合にTheを使う
 - There is **a book** on the shelf above my desk; can you bring it here?
 - a bookは特定の本を指すが、聞き手は現時点ではどの本か知らない
 - I had a cheese sandwich and an apple for lunch. The sandwich was fine but the apple had a worm in it.
 - 最初の文で何者かが分かったので、次の文ではTheになる
 - I bought a new computer but **the keyboard** was faulty.
 - 「computer」がでてきた時点で、読者はkeyboardの存在を認識する
 - He lit a match but **the flame** went out.
 - 「match」がでてきた時点で、読者はflameを想像する

AとTHE



- AとTheの使い分け
 - お互いに同じものを認識しているシチュエーションでTheを使う
 - 2人が同じ部屋にいて、"Look up at **the ceiling**."と言われれば、"Which ceiling are you talking about?"とは言わない
 - 会話文で、"Did she get the job?"と聞けば、2人ともそのJobを認識していることをうか がわせる
 - •参照しているものが1つしかない場合にTheを使う
 - Cairo is the capital of Egypt.
 - The opening was located in **the center** of each mesh.

AETHE



- AとTheの使い分け
 - 著者がどれを参照していてもよい、もしくはどれを参照しているか知らない場合、読者がどれを参照しているか知らない場合、Aを使う
 - A 35 ml brown glass bottle was used to store the liquid.
 - どのglassを使うかは重要ではない
 - The subject then spoke to an interviewer.
 - 私はどのinterviewerか知っているが、あなたはそれを気にしなくてもよい
 - AとTheが変わると意味が変わる
 - This effect may hide **a connection** between the two.
 - つながりがあるかもしれないが、もしあったとしても我々にはそれが見えない
 - This effect may hide **the connection** between the two.
 - 確実につながりがあるが、我々にはそれが見えないかもしれない

AとTHE



- AとTheの使い分け
 - A、The、及び(XXXs) 複数形は全て、一般的な真実を表すときに使われる
 - The electroencephalograph is a machine for measuring brain waves.
 - A electroencephalograph is a machine for measuring brain waves.
 - Electroencephalographs are machines for measuring brain waves.
 - ↑全てOK

Adverbs and adverb locations

- そのAdverbがどこにかかるかが分かりにくい
 - He gave a lecture about liver cancer at the hospital last January.
 - 病院でレクチャーがあったのか、病院で肝臓がんになったのか?
 - •1月に起きたがん症例のことなのか、1月にレクチャーがあったのか?
- 「安全に」分かりやすく書く方法
 - Adverbを文頭に移す
 - -> Last January he gave a lecture about liver cancer at the hospital.
 - ・文を分ける
 - -> Last January he gave a lecture at the hospital; his subject was liver cancer.

Model (テンプレート的な構成)



- 1. 概要
 - Methodセクションの概要
 - •目的や、機器のソース、その 他必要な事前知識の説明
- 2. 詳細
 - 手法の詳細説明
 - 手法の正しさの説明
 - 適切に行われていると示す
- 3. 他手法との関連
- 4. 本手法の課題

PROVIDE A GENERAL INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE MATERIALS/METHODS

RESTATE THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK

GIVE THE SOURCE OF MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT USED

SUPPLY ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND PRECISE DETAILS ABOUT MATERIALS AND METHODS (*i.e.* quantities, temperatures, duration, sequence, conditions, locations, sizes)

JUSTIFY CHOICES MADE

4

INDICATE THAT APPROPRIATE CARE WAS TAKEN

RELATE MATERIALS/METHODS TO OTHER STUDIES

INDICATE WHERE PROBLEMS OCCURRED

Methodology

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2. Background info. and justification



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- 4. Details and cares taken
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- 6. Procedures following existing methods
- 7. Details and justification
- 8. Details

例文

9. Possible difficulties

階層化とトップダウンでの説明



- •まず全体像を示す
- Detailから書き出すと、読み手が 勝手に間違った全体像を想像す る
- 読み手に優しくないし、意図が 正しく伝わらない
- トップダウンで説明することで、
 著者がコントロールできる

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読者に手法を受け入れさせる



- Methodologyは客観的な事実だ けを述べるセクションではない
- 自分の方法が正しいことを示す
- 自分の方法の正しさを説得するような書き方が必要
 - ・「他の人もこうやってますよ」
 - 「しっかりやってますよ」
- 読者がこの手法を受け入れることが大事

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•他者の手法は現在形で書く、自分でやったことは過去形で書く

- Referenceの書き方は3通り
 - 1. 完全に同じ方法
 - 2. 少しだけ変えたがそれが重要ではない

他の手法をReferenceする

3. この方法とは違う方法、違いが重要

Option1の単語例

according to as described by/in* as explained by/in as in	as reported by/in as reported previously as suggested by/in can be found in	given by/in identical to in accordance with the same as that of/in
as proposed by/in	details are given in	using the method of/in

Option2の単語例

a (modified) version of adapted from based in part/partly on based on	(very) similar almost the same essentially the same largely the same	 (to) adapt (to) adjust (to) alter (to) change (to) modify (to) refine (to) revise (to) vary 		oted from* although in some ways similar although in essence similar		
essentially identical In line with In principle In essence more or less identical slightly modified	practically the same virtually the same with some adjustments with some alterations with some changes with some modifications		it is recognised that less than ideal not perfect not identical slightly problematic rather time-consumin	necessarily impractical as far as possible (it was) hard to (it was) difficult to unavoidable	quite good reasonably robust however* nevertheless* talk about a solution	
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a preliminary attempt not significant



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(to) adapt*

Option3の単語例

although in many wave similar

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課題を書く



- •課題を書いたほうがプロフェッショナルに見える
- 見せないと隠しているように思われる
- Resultsに影響しない課題を書く
- もしくはより重要な課題でもここでふれたほうがよい(後で Discussion/Conclusionでもう一度触れる)
- ただし、上手く書く(次頁参照)
 - •課題を最小化するように
 - 自分の責任を最小化するように
 - 良い面を最大化するように
 - そして解決策を提案する

課題をうまく書くための単語



minimise problem	minimise responsibility	maximise good aspects
did not align precisely only approximate	limited by inevitably	acceptable fairly well
it is recognised that less than ideal not perfect not identical slightly problematic rather time-consuming minor deficit slightly disappointing negligible unimportant immaterial a preliminary attempt not significant	necessarily impractical as far as possible (it was) hard to (it was) difficult to unavoidable impossible not possible	quite good reasonably robust however* nevertheless* talk about a solution future work should future work will* currently in progress currently underway





- 分野によってMethodology部の書き方はかなり違う
- 投稿するジャーナルやカンファレンスの論文をベースに、自分なりのModel(テンプレート)を生成してみるのがよい
- 本書はヒントがつまっているので、参考書的に引きながら書くのがよい