Writing papers

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Key ideas

- Read
- Practice writing
- Action $\rightarrow$ motivation
- Know your audience
Tips

▶ Don’t write it in order
  – Figures & tables
  – Results
  – Methods
  – Intro, discussion, abstract

▶ Use simple language
  – Use the words you know
  – If you can’t think of how to say it, just skip it

▶ Outline discussion points over time

▶ Don’t try to be perfect
  – Get it on paper; edit later

▶ Try speaking it, and writing down what you say
  – Like a talk, you’re trying to tell a story and maintain the reader’s interest

▶ Supplemental tables/figures are great