

Technical Reading & Writing

How to Read Technical English
A Lecture for Master Course

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The Types of Technical Reports from Journals Written in English

There are actually **two** types of reports:

- 1) **Technical Reports: Engineering Magazines**
Do not follow a specific style: format
- 2) **Research Reports: Journal (published regularly) ;**
Follow a very formal style: format

1) Technical Reports

a) Written by Engineers

Technical Reports: Normally follow an informal version of style.

b) Written by Professional Journalists

Technical Articles: Follows a “latest news” style is informal.

1) Technical Reports (Cont.)

a) Technical Reports can be more difficult to read (words are technical).

It is like a text book (the topics are more new one).

b) Technical Articles are less difficult to read
It is like stories in a magazine.

2)Research Reports

1- Are more difficult to read:

- **They are more difficult than:**
(a) Technical Reports or (b) Technical Articles
- **Words are more scientific.**
- **Follows one formal style (format).**
- **They are giving a new idea to an old method (please give merit).**

2) Research Reports (Cont.)

2- They have novelty (merit).

3- They have some specific style:

a) Introduction

b) Methods

c) Results

d) Conclusion

e) References (Documentation)

2) Research Reports (Cont.)

3- They have some specific style:

a) Introduction: Idea of others about the topic

b) Methods: The methods of author(s) are explained.

c) Results: Explain results about using the method.

d) Conclusion: A summary of what has been done.

e) References: Refers to all related topics.

End of Part (1)

Thank you