

DISCUSSION/IMPLICATIONS

- Specify the most important outcomes/ results of the study (summarize briefly, don't repeat the results section!).
- Based on your results make a clear statement about support or nonsupport of your hypothesis.
- Note how your results were similar or different from other studies in this area.
- Talk about it—what are some plausible explanations for these results
- Specify why you chose to interpret results in the way you did.
- Discuss any limitations of your research study
 - Small sample/ pilot
 - Methodological considerations
 - Any other problems/ confounding variables not accounted for?
- Implications- questions derived from your study that merit further exploration.
 - What has this study contributed to the field?
 - How has the study helped answer the hypothesis?
 - Conclusions or theoretical implications that can be drawn from this study?

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Martin, D. (1985). *Doing Psychology Experiments 2nd Ed.*