

Eleven Rules for preparing a First Draft

1. Know your audience

2. Work to understand your sources

Don't be afraid to admit that you don't understand

Read and re-read

3. Don't quote from your sources

Shell adequacy was measured by the "shell adequacy index," defined by Vance (1972) as "the ratio of the weight of the hermit crab from which the shell was of preferred size to the actual weight of the hermit crab examined."

4. Don't plagiarize

5. Think about where you are going before you begin to write

Type of manuscript

Objectives

Think about your audience (committee, journal editor, fellow students, etc.)

6. Practice summarizing information
7. Write to illuminate, not to impress
"DNA" instead of "deoxyribonucleic acid"
8. Write for your peers and for your future self
Make your writing meaningful to your peers
Make it meaningful to your future self
9. Support all statements of fact and opinion with evidence or references that elaborate

The supernatant was removed, the cells were resuspended in extraction buffer and DNA was extracted, pooled, and quantified as previously described (Sigler and Zeyer, 2002).

Although both samples were electrophoresed for 5 h at 200 V (1000 V·h), the pre-incubation at 60° C for 35 h greatly impacted the separation and resolution of the isolate DNA (Figure 2), suggesting that prolonged incubation at elevated temperature played the major role in the differential band separation.

10. Always distinguish fact from possibility

Therefore, **it is conceivable** that the high proportion of nutrient stress-tolerant organisms is indicative of a community adapted to periods of transient nutrient availability.

Our results suggest that the ability of bacterial populations to tolerate and recover from such temperature variance plays an important role in their survival, especially in the younger soils, where a greater proportion of fast-forming cells were present.

Be aware of word strength

prove	confirm	indicate
suggest	show	establish
confirm	demonstrate	verify
provide evidence		

11. Revise