

Creating a Database of Templates

A good way to learn “how to write” in your discipline is by writing down templates, or particular sentence forms, from top journals and researchers in your field. When you see a particularly good sentence, write it down for future reference! Here are some examples of how to go about making a database of templates for your own use.

Making a Counter-Claim

Original Sentence:

Here instead I want to consider the *creation of translation as a colonial problem*, rather than the Chinese Protectorate as a colonial solution.

Template:

Here instead I want to consider _____, rather than _____ as a _____ .

From “Replicating the Colonial Experiment: The Problem of Translation in the Late Nineteenth-Century Straits Settlement.” In *Social History* 34.4 by Michelle T. King

Indicating a Gap OR Making a Counter-Claim

Original Sentences:

We recently demonstrated a role of very small embryonic-like stem cells (VSELs) in mouse pancreas regeneration after partial pancreatectomy, in agreement with earlier studies reporting the presence of VSELs in adult pancreas and their mobilization in response to streptozocin treatment. However, a careful review of the literature reveals that a study by Xiao and colleagues seems to have sealed the controversy about pancreas regeneration.

Template:

[X Person or Studies] recently demonstrated _____, in agreement with [Y Person or Studies], which reported _____. However, a careful review* of the literature reveals that _____ .

*may want to change this wording to avoid plagiarism issues

From “Very Small Embryonic-Like Stem Cells Are Involved in Pancreatic Regeneration and their Dysfunction with Age May Lead to Diabetes and Cancer.” In *Stem Cell Research & Therapy* 6.96 by Deepa Bhartiya and Hiren Patel