

## Putting results in context exercise

Choose a discussion section, either your own (published or unpublished) or someone else's (published). It may be easier to critique someone else's writing, but using your own may be more helpful.

Submit the section itself as a Word document, using the comment function to indicate:

- 1) the overall conclusions
  - 2) the explanation(s) of why the results matter
- [If either of these are missing, indicate where they should be and suggest possible descriptions.]

Critique the section:

- 1) How directly and specifically does it state the conclusions? How would you make the statement of the message more direct and specific?
- 2) How does each topic of the discussion address the purposes outlined in the lesson? If any material doesn't clearly address any of these purposes, what would you suggest the author do with it?
- 3) How well did the authors explain the importance of their results? What sort of evidence did they use to support this explanation? How could it have been improved?
- 4) How well did the authors limit their speculation? If they didn't limit it as well as they should have, how would you suggest they change it?
- 5) How well did the authors address possible criticisms? If they didn't address any, what should they have included? If they didn't address them well, what would strengthen their argument for their interpretation?