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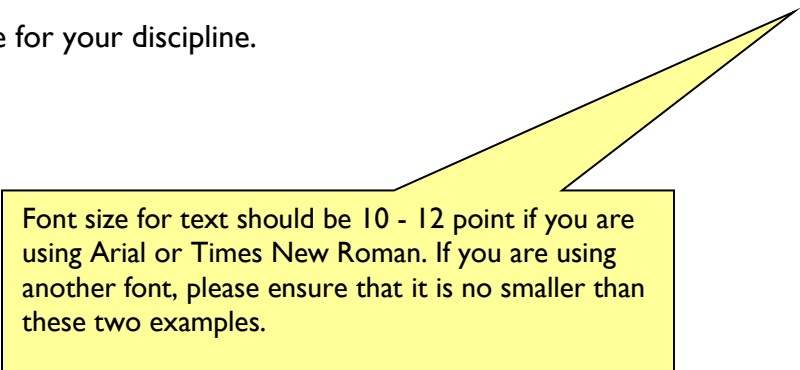
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Lay Summary

The lay or public summary explains the key goals and contributions of the research/scholarly work in terms that can be understood by the general public. It must not exceed 150 words in length.

Preface

There are sample prefaces in the Resources section of the Grad Studies website.

The Preface contains the following:

- A statement detailing your contribution to the identification and design of the research program, performance of the various parts of the research, and analysis of the research data.
- A list of any publications arising from work presented in the dissertation, and the chapter(s) in which the work is located. There must also be a statement detailing the relative contributions of all collaborators and co-authors (including supervisors and members of the supervisory committee) and stating the proportion of research and writing conducted by the student.
- The name of the particular UBC Research Ethics Board, and the project title(s) and Certificate Number(s) of the Ethics Certificate(s) obtained, if ethics approval was required for the research.

Examples:

Chapter 2 is based on work conducted in UBC's Maple Syrup Laboratory by Dr. A. Apple, Professor B. Boat, and me. I was responsible for tapping the trees in forests X and Z, conducted and/or supervised all boiling operations, and performed frequent quality control tests on the product.

A version of chapter 3 has been published. [Student's name], Apple, A. and Boat. B. (2010) Frequency of Quality Testing in Syrup Creation. *Maple Science J.* 255:139-144. I conducted all the testing and wrote most of the manuscript. The section on "Testing Implements" was originally drafted by Boat, B.

Check the first pages of these chapters to see footnotes with similar information.

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Components or parts of the thesis must appear in the same order as they do in this Table of Contents.

The committee page is not listed in the Table of Contents.

First page of the body of the thesis (i.e. "Introduction" or "Chapter 1") must be page "1" in Arabic numbers.

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Tables and Figures are numbered consecutively. In this example, they are numbered with chapter number (3) and table number for that chapter.

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In this example, tables are numbered with no reference to chapter number.

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This is the place to thank professional colleagues and people who have given you the most help during the course of your graduate work.

Acknowledgements

The following are usually mentioned in the Acknowledgements:

- supervisor and committee
- grant support
- helpful fellow students, lab mates etc.
- family support

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE: I offer my enduring gratitude to the faculty, staff and my fellow students at the UBC, who have inspired me to continue my work in this field. I owe particular thanks to Dr. J. M. Schneider, whose penetrating questions taught me to question more deeply.

I thank Dr. O Meyer for enlarging my vision of science and providing coherent answers to my endless questions.

Special thanks are owed to my parents, whose have supported me throughout my years of education, both morally and financially.

Acknowledgements may extend for more than one page, but are generally no longer than two pages

Dedication

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To my parents

2 Chapter Title Here

2.1 First research chapter

No abstract; the one abstract in the preliminary pages covers the complete thesis.

The account of the research should be presented in a manner suitable for the field and include the following:

- coherent structure that flows logically and smoothly from chapter to chapter
- brief synopsis at the beginning of each research chapter
- description of methods used, in sufficient detail to enable a reader to understand how the data were gathered and to apply similar methods in another study
- complete account of the research presented in a systematic manner typical of the field of study

Students should consult with their supervisors for further guidance about how to structure their particular thesis.

2.1.1 Information about collaborators

Details about the contributions of collaborators, if any, must be included in the Preface. If you wish, you can additionally use a footnote to identify specific contributions of collaborators, as in this example.¹

See also the example on the first page of Chapter 3.²

NOTE: If you identify collaborative work in a footnote, remember to clarify your exact contribution in the Preface.

¹ This chapter is based on work conducted in UBC's Maple Syrup Laboratory by Dr. A. Apple, Professor B. Boat, and C. Cat.

² This phrase is taken from Dr. A. Apple, "Useful Phrases in Instructional Writing", [include full citation of the work].

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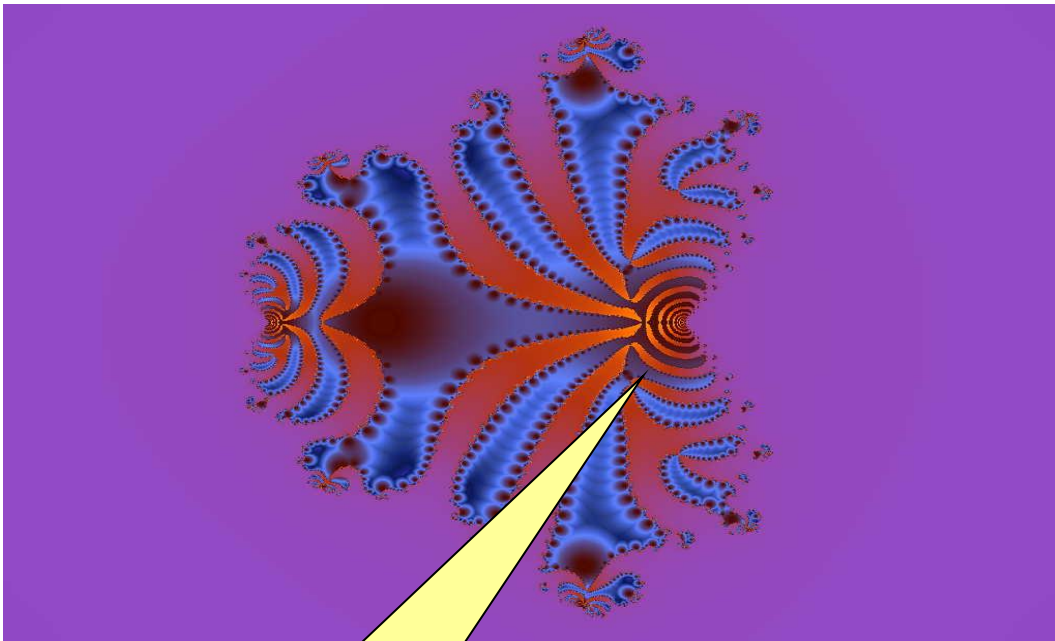
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Figure 2.1 Fractal on purple background



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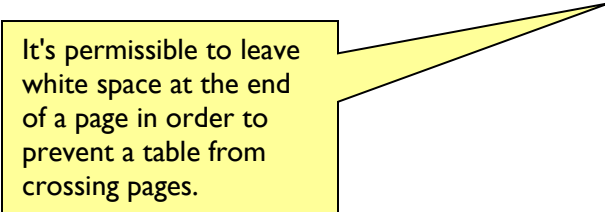
3 Tables, Figures, Illustrations, and Other Graphics³

3.1 Preparing your graphics

Remember to make your graphics clear and readable. Table 3.1 has a list of solutions to common problems with graphics.

The footnote is another example of citing the source of material you've used.

Remember to clarify your exact contribution in the Preface.



It's permissible to leave white space at the end of a page in order to prevent a table from crossing pages.

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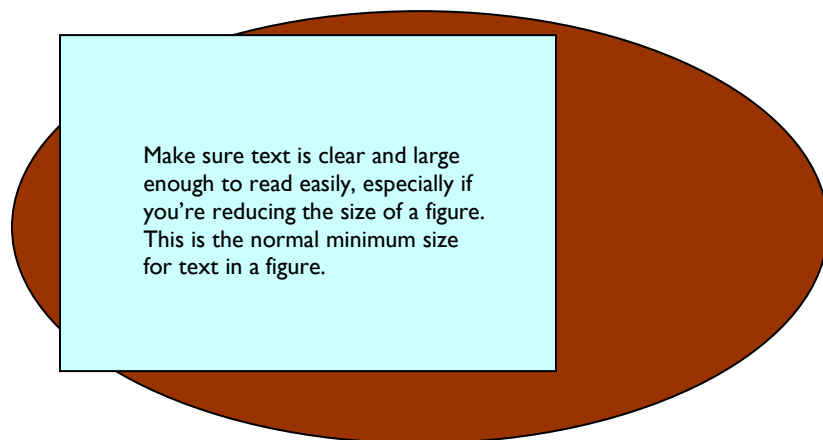
Table 3.1 Possible problems in tables and figures

Problem	Solution
Font is too small and lines are too close together.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You may use a slightly smaller font and closer spacing in tables, but please ensure that the font you choose is easy to read.• Use landscape pages for tables if it means you can use a larger font.
Many colours in a graph or diagram can make the individual sections indistinguishable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use both texture and colour in graphs and diagrams.
Black text against a darker colour or grey background is hard to read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change text colour to white, and deepen the colour of the background to sharpen contrast.• If you prefer to keep black text, lighten the coloured or grey background to smallest percentage, or change to white.
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3.1.1 This is a third-level heading

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Figure 3.1 Good contrast in a figure.



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Headings should be repeated on the second and subsequent pages of tables that split over two pages or more for ease of reading.

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4 Concluding Chapter

4.1 What goes in a concluding chapter?

In this section you can demonstrate your mastery of the field and (for doctoral candidates) your contribution to knowledge in the broader discipline.

The section normally includes the following:

- overall analysis and integration of the research and conclusions of the thesis in light of current research in the field
- conclusions regarding goals or hypotheses of the thesis that were presented in the Introduction, and the overall significance and contribution of the thesis research
- comments on strengths and limitations of the thesis research
- discussion of any potential applications of the research findings
- an analysis of possible future research directions in the field drawing on the work of the thesis

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This can also be called "References" or "Works Cited". It must always start on a new page.

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Appendices

Appendix A: General Information

All appendices in the thesis are presented together after the concluding chapter.

Page numbering for appendices continues on from the body of the thesis, in sequence.

Appendices are limited to supporting material genuinely subsidiary to the main argument of the thesis.

The following are examples of things that might be appropriate for inclusion in the appendices:

- additional details of methodology and/or data
- diagrams of specialized equipment developed
- copies of questionnaires or surveys used in the research

Appendix B: Remove All Signatures and Personal Information

Second appendix here.

Please remember to remove all signatures and personal information from your thesis.