

Small-Group Exercise
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Group 1

Imagine that you are asked to provide a 1-day workshop on research writing. The workshop will be immediately before a general scientific conference; it will be mainly for conference attendees.

Please devise a plan for the workshop. Some examples of items to specify are the following:

- goals and objectives
- type(s) and number of attendees
- speaker(s)/facilitator(s)
- topics to cover
- types of sessions and activities
- materials to use
- assignments, if any

Feel free also to specify other aspects. Be ready to give an approximately 10-minute talk presenting the plan. The talk should say what you plan to do and why you plan to do it.

Group 2

Imagine that you are asked to provide a course in research writing. The course will consist of 12 sessions of 3 hours each. Please devise a plan for the course. Some examples of items to specify are the following:

- goals and objectives
- type(s) and number of attendees
- timing of sessions (for example, weekly for 12 weeks or twice weekly for 6 weeks)
- teacher/any other speakers
- topics to cover
- types of sessions and activities
- materials to use
- assignments

Feel free also to specify other aspects. Be ready to give an approximately 10-minute talk presenting the plan. The talk should say what you plan to do and why you plan to do it.

Group 3

Imagine that a university department asks you to provide a workshop on research writing. The workshop will consist of 2 full-day sessions; they will be 1 week apart. About 20 people (mainly advanced graduate students and early-career researchers) will attend. Please devise a plan for the workshop. Some examples of items to specify are the following:

- goals and objectives
- speaker(s)/facilitator(s)
- topics to cover
- ways to gear the content to the department
- types of sessions and activities
- materials to use
- assignments, if any

Feel free also to specify other aspects. Be ready to give an approximately 10-minute talk presenting the plan. The talk should say what you plan to do and why you plan to do it.