

“I” and “You” in the Research Paper



DO NOT use “I” until the conclusion paragraph when you state your own opinion.

In these examples, the statements are actually stronger without “I think” and “I feel”.

- Examples:
1. ~~I think~~ this is an overwhelming problem.
 2. ~~I feel that~~ steps must be taken to stop this problem.



DO NOT use “you”. Writers often incorrectly use “you” in place of a third person pronoun. This is NOT acceptable in a research paper. Rewrite each of the following sentences WITHOUT using “you.”

1. These children are being ruined for life because without proper nutrition, you can't develop physically or mentally.
2. Female babies are killed or abandoned because you are only allowed to have one child in your family in this country.
3. What other choice do you have when your own father sells you into prostitution?
4. In this village, 75% of the men and 62% of the women have AIDS because you get AIDS easily when you have unprotected sex.
5. To properly treat the AIDS victims, you have to give them the proper medicines.
6. Why would you not sent these medicines to African countries when you have such a great supply in the U.S?
7. You must educate people about this problem before you can begin to solve it.
8. Just because a woman chooses to practice this religion, you can't force her into such a horrible life.
9. You have to do what you can to feed your family, and maybe selling one child into slavery is the only way.
10. You can't expect these “child soldiers” to ever have a proper understanding of right and wrong.
11. The Pakistan refugee camps are horrible. You have to fight everyday for your food and your place to sleep.
12. If the Pakistan government won't let the United Nations come in and run these refugee camps, there is nothing you can do.