



***A Key to  
Scientific  
Research  
Literature***

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# What he writes ... what he means



- It has long be known that .....
- I haven't bothered to look up the original reference but .....
- Of great theoretical and practical importance
- Interesting to us

# What he writes ... what he means



- While it has not been possible to provide definitive answers to these questions .....
- The operant conditioning technique was chosen to study the problem ....
- The experiment did not work, but I figured I could at least get a publication out of it.
- The fellow in the next lab already had the equipment set up

# What he writes ... what he means



- Three of the subjects were chosen for detailed study
- Typical results are shown .....
- The results of the others did not make sense
- The best results are shown

# What he writes ...what he means



- Agreement with the predicted curve is:

excellent

good

satisfactory

fair

fair

poor

doubtful

imaginary

# What he writes ... what he means



- It is suggested that ... It is believed that... It may be ...
- It is generally believed that ...
- I think
- A couple of other guys think so too

# What he writes ... what he means



- It is clear that much additional work will be required before a complete understanding...
- Unfortunately, a quantitative theory to account for these results has not been formulated
- I do not understand it
- I cannot think of one and neither has anyone else

# What he writes ... what he means



- Correct within an order of magnitude...
- Thanks are due to John Gletz for expert technical assistance and to Joc Doc for valuable discussion
- Wrong
- Gletz did the work and Doc explained what it means