DATAJAM LANGUAGE GUIDE

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PURPOSE

Provide writing and grammar tips for students to use on their presentations/posters

1. Help with common mistakes that can plague students
2. Refining the words used within the presentation/poster
3. How to write clearly and maintain sophistication

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GENERAL RULES

This is a scientific presentation so your writing should be formal and sophisticated

- However, it shouldn't be overcomplicated

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.

Leonardo da Vinci

I came to the realization that	I realized that
She is of the opinion that	She thinks that
Concerning the matter of	About
During the course of	During
In the event that	If
In the process of	During, while
Regardless of the fact that	Although
Due to the fact that	Because
In all cases	Always
At that point in time	Then
Prior to	Before

GRAMMAR

Follow basic Grammar conventions:

This is not an English assignment; However, your writing will be read.

Use simple Grammar that is easy to understand:

1. Use punctuation only when needed/appropriate
2. If writing a sentence, avoid making it a fragment (bullet points are different)
3. Avoid run-ons as they are hard to understand and take away from your poster/presentation
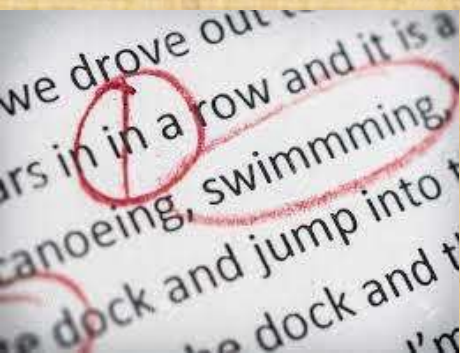4. Make sure everything written is sensible to the judges

PROOFREAD

Everything written should be proofread to ensure it makes sense

- Have someone read your poster/presentation who was not involved in the creation
    - This will help solve any issues with lack of clarity
- Proofreading is important to catch any possible typos that may not be caught by the software

DATAJAM SPECIFIC

Be careful when using statistical language
- An accidental swap between terms could be something judges jump on
- Also, be very careful when using concrete language
  - Terms like prove, have a very different meaning in statistical contexts. For something to be proven it would have to be 100% certain

SUMMARY

- Writing in the correct way elevates the project and ensures the information is easy to understand