

INSTRUCTIONS: You must download and save this interactive PDF locally before you fill it out. Re-open the saved version using Acrobat Reader and add your comments.

Academic writing

 **Task 1**

Read the following extract. Identify the main problem with the writing style, then rewrite the problematic sentences so they are more suitable for an academic report.

After adding the solution, the mixture in the test tube went a bright scarlet red, which we did not expect, as this was not the same as the washed out pink colour it was supposed to go according to the book. We shook the test tube up and left it for a while in the test tube stand. When we came back, the mixture had settled to the bottom and dried out, which it was not supposed to have happened; this was a bit of a problem.

(LearnHigher CETL (2016) <http://new.learnhigher.ac.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/academic-writing-reports.pdf>)

What is the problem with the writing style?

Rewrite the sentences so they are more suitable for an academic report: