Checklist for Writing the Introduction

Structuring your introduction

**Background - 2 to 6 paragraphs**
- What is the subject of your report?
- What is the theory/research literature on the subject?

**Reason for experiment - 1 to 2 paragraphs**
- Why is the subject important?

**Aim - 1/2 sentences**
- What is the aim or objective of your experiment?

**Hypotheses – 1/2 sentences (optional)**
- What hypothesis/es is/are being tested?
- What are you trying to find out?

Check your Themes. Are you developing your ideas using Information flow structures?

Check your vocabulary choices. Are they linking your ideas well?

Check your conjunctions. Are they logical?

Check your reference words. Is it clear what you are referring to with these words?

Check how you have introduced the research literature into your Introduction.

Have you focussed too much on the authors rather than on the information?

Have you made clear the connections between information in your sources?

What tenses are you using when reporting your sources?

What reporting verbs are you using when reporting your sources?