

Completing a Usability Test: Can “Real Users” Use Your Product?

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Evaluating outcomes/grading

Grading Criteria for the Usability Memo:

- Includes a specific subject line
- Organizes information from the study effectively
- Uses headings to increase readability
- Provides concrete data from the study
- Well-edited

Grading Criteria for the Revised Instruction Sheet:

- Includes a clear, informative title
- Includes an introduction that explains the task
- Includes simple and clear, step-by-step instructions
- Includes effective and appropriate graphics
- Includes a conclusion that may simply conclude, give “follow-up advice,” or give “trouble-shooting advice”
- Demonstrates a clear relationship between graphics and text
- Uses effective principles of visual design
- Well-edited (Adapted from Mike Markel’s “Writing Definitions, Descriptions, and Instructions” in *Technical Communication* 10th ed)