**Methods Sections**

For each of the following, consider why it is important

For a methods section also consider that it should be:

* Written in the past tense
* Avoid excessive detail
* Standard methods that are widely used (i.e. sieving with grain size) need less information than those where your own equipment or methodology is used
* The reader should be able to recreate your study from the information given

For a methods section, it should indicate:

* The type or name of the method used
* Sufficient detail to describe the method without a lot of extra information. Any departure from a standard method should be noted
* Location of measurement or observation (if possible on a map) People are sloppy about this.
* Total number of measurements
* Scaling (Bloschl, 1999)
  + The number of measurements or observations (amount of space and time in each measurement)
  + The time period of observations or the total area (extent)
  + The spacing between measurements (spacing)

