

Standard email structure for success!

Instructions	Example
To: put people here who are expected to act/respond	To: Mike
CC: put people here who are in an info loop but not	CC: Mary
required to respond or act BC: only use this for keeping people's contact details private	BC:
SUBJECT:	SUBJECT:
Be very descriptive and help the reader see it's relevant to them	Current actions for the XYZ project
Greet	
Be friendly and informal	Hi Mike
Connect	
This sets the tone and allows you to be very direct without sounding rude	Hope your day's going well!
Announce (BLUF)	
what's the key message of the email?	I have 2 things I need you to do please and 1 question.
Structure	Can you please
Use headings and bullet points, headings and bulet	1. call john
points. As many as you need! This is scannable.	2. update the XRC form
Then you don't need to worry about tone, whole sentences, or paragraphs	Why I'm asking/what you need to know • John needs to talk to you about the project status
	 The XRC form isn't yet showing the most recent actions
	A question for you
	 do you know if Sally has had any
	success in her dealings with Acme?
Sign off	Thanks,
simply	Nicola