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Research one-liners

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It can seem impossible to subsume countless hours of frantic grant-writing and experiments into a single research paper. But distill them into a single sentence and the results can be hilarious.

One-liner theses became an Internet sensation this summer when a user on the online bulletin board Reddit asked the “PhD’s of Reddit” for a **dumbed down summary of their theses**. Nearly 8,000 responses later, the trend had spread like wildfire, spawning tweets, **blogs** and even **tumblrs**. We asked autism researchers to join in on the fun.

Here, ranging from earnest to entertaining, are single sentences summing up years of work.

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