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Information is often pitched at different levels such as academics with specialised knowledge, the general public with limited knowledge, or for students who are learning something for the first time. Is the level correct for your needs, and does it address the subject matter?

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