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### **Keeping your peer review neutral**

Before you submit your next reviewer report, you may want to have a look at some advice from Rebekah Baglini and Christine Parsons in their Nature career column article entitled '[If you can't be kind in peer review, be neutral](#)'.

If you've ever been on the receiving end of a negative review, you will understand that reviewer feedback can sometimes feel a little more personal than it should. A few negative twists in phrasing can distort what may have started out as an objective review. In their article, Baglini and Parsons demonstrate how minor changes to phrasing or punctuation can dramatically alter the tone of a sentence.

They also supply a list of the types of expressive words or phrases that might lead to authors focussing on the negative rather than the reviewer's recommendation. Subjective adjectives (uninteresting, simple, etc.), depreciatory modifiers (including just or didn't even) and rhetorical questioning all make the list of behaviours to avoid when providing reviewer feedback.

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*9am - 6pm, 20 August - 8 October 2021*

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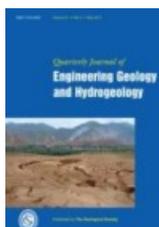
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### **Journal of the Geological Society**

#### **The Nonesuch Formation Lagerstätte: a rare window into freshwater life one billion years ago**

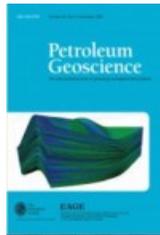
By Paul K. Strother and Charles H. Wellman



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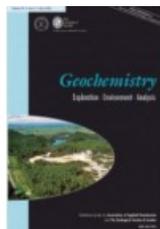
By P. R. N. Hobbs, L. D. Jones, M. P. Kirkham, C. V. L. Pennington, D. J. R. Morgan and C. Dashwood



### **Petroleum Geoscience: the international journal of geoenergy and applied earth science**

Discussion on 'Fault seal modelling - the influence of fluid properties on fault sealing capacity in hydrocarbon and CO2 systems', *Petroleum Geoscience*, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1144/petgeo2019-126>

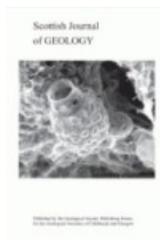
By Titus A. Murray and William L. Power



### **Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis**

State-of-the-Art Analysis of Geochemical Data for Mineral Exploration

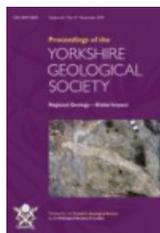
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### **Scottish Journal of Geology**

Borehole temperature log from the Glasgow Geothermal Energy Research Field Site: a record of past changes to ground surface temperature caused by urban development

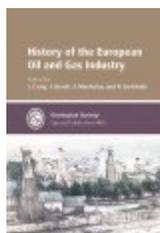
By Alison A. Monaghan, David A.C. Manning and Zoe K. Shipton



### **Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society**

Emplacement of oil in the Devonian Weardale Granite of northern England

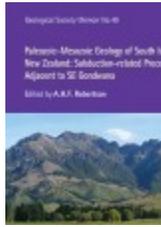
By M. Baba, J. Parnell, S. Bowden, J. Armstrong, M. Perez and X. Wang



### **Special Publications**

The history of the European oil and gas industry (1600s-2000s)

By Jonathan Craig, Francesco Gerali, Fiona MacAulay and Rasoul Sorkhabi



## Memoirs

### Chapter 13 Anatomy of the Andaman-Nicobar subduction system from seismic reflection data

By Satish C. Singh and Raphaële Moeremans

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