

The Research Question – Planning

Make brief notes based on your background research that answer the following questions. These notes will help you write the introduction for your report.

What do you want to find out?

What is the theoretical background for this investigation?

What does the theory suggest you should find?

Outline some research studies carried out in this area & their findings.

What do these findings suggest overall? Do they agree with the theory's predictions? Do they agree with each other?

What, overall, do you expect to be the answer to your research question? (Be as specific as possible)

What method will you use to obtain data for this research? Why is this a suitable method?

What problems will limit your investigation? (These can be practical e.g. getting people to give you honest responses or ethical e.g. potentially invading people's privacy)

Practical

Ethical