

# Designing your study

What do you need to write about?

What were your aims?

I chose the following topic because ...

My personal reasons for studying this topic were ...

Sociological reasons for studying this topic are ...

How did you plan the research?

First I thought about the topic by ...

The method I chose was ...

I chose this method because ...

The other methods were no use because ...

Ethical and practical problems

I could have hurt people's feelings in this way ...

I did not ask this question because ...

Practical problems were ...

Population

I could not study everyone in Barry because ...

I decided to study just one group of people because ...

The type of people I chose were ...

## Writing your methods

### What do you need to write about?

#### What did you do?

In the last section I talked about planning my research. My aims were ...

Before I did anything, I found out about methods by ...

#### Asking my questions

First I thought about how I could find out more about my topic ...

I needed to ask myself questions, so I planned the types of things I needed to find out by ...

#### What I did

I wrote a questionnaire /interview/ designed an experiment/ observation.

I found this easy because ...

I found this hard because ...

#### Administration

This is exactly what I did when I used my method ...

Write a detailed recipe that someone else could follow.

Be precise in all details.

#### Letters and phone calls

I wrote the following letters ...

I made the following phone calls ...

I looked at the following internet sites ...

### List materials and documents

At the back of the report, in my appendix, you can see all of the things that I wrote down when planning my work. These include...

## Writing your results

### What do you need to write about?

#### What I learned ...

I learned the following things from my study ... (Write only about the main things)

#### Other information

My graphs show the following things ...

My interviews showed the following things ...

I discovered the following things on the Internet /in books /in newspapers

My photographs show the following things ...

#### Shocks and surprises

I was surprised to discover that ...

I predicted I would find out that ... and this turned out to be ... because ...

I was pleased to learn that I was right because ...

### What I aimed to do

I aimed to do the following things ...

I managed to achieve this aim because I discovered that ...

I did not achieve this aim because I discovered that ...

Use all of the help on the shared area to support you.

## Writing your evaluation

### What do you need to write about?

#### What did you do?

I did/did not achieve my aims because of the methods I chose.

The methods I used were good because ...

The methods I used were bad because ...

#### Reliability

You can trust the methods that I used because ...

These factors could affect how trustworthy and scientific the results were

...

#### Validity

The methods I used gave a true picture of society because ...

These factors could affect how truthful and representative of real life ...

#### Improving my research

If I had more time I would have ...

If I had more money I would have ...

If I did not worry about ethics I would have ...

### Developing my research

If I were doing all of this work again with more time and money or I were able to do it full time, I would do these things to make it more reliable and valid ...

The end

- ☺ Go back and read all of your work again.
- ☺ Show it to your teacher.
- ☺ Listen to what your teacher says, read what she has written.
- ☺ Make the changes and RELAX!!
- ☺ It was easier than you thought, wasn't it.