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Lesson 14: Research methods 7.4 Non-experimental method: case studies	
Learning objective	To gain knowledge and understanding of non-experimental methods: case studies
Lesson objectives	By the end of the lesson, learners will be able to: • Define the features of a case study • Explain the use of triangulation • Apply knowledge of case studies to novel scenarios
Vocabulary	**Case study:** an in-depth investigation of a single individual, group or event
Previous learning	Learners may be familiar with the case study method from named studies, but this is not required for the lesson.

Plan		
Activities		**Resources**
Beginning (5 mins)	Learners complete the starter activity defining case studies.	Case study resource: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WganlYQ4sO5UCfoETI9ZTS5lnFImixfRjcqbqfSfFgU/edit?slide=id.g324eb60072a_0_51#slide=id.g324eb60072a_0_51
Middle (50 mins)	• Ensure learners have the correct and full definition of a case study for their glossaries / notes • Lead discussion on the benefits of studying one particular individual / group / event rather than a large group of people and how this might be done using multiple data collection techniques. • Ensure learners understand the purpose of triangulation and how this differs from case studies in other subjects, e.g. geography, law or business. • Share the example case study and ask learners to complete independently, then check answers as a group. • Provide learners with the case study resource and ask learners to work in pairs to plan the data collection techniques to use.	

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End (5 mins)	Learners can check their understanding of case studies using the multiple-choice questions.	

Reflection and evaluation
Reflection:
Summary evaluation: What two things went really well? (Consider both teaching and learning.) 1. 2. What two things would have improved the lesson? (Consider both teaching and learning.) 1. 2. What have I learned from this lesson about the class or individuals that will inform my next lesson?

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