



Lesson 26: Research methods 7.8 Role of the researcher

Learning objective	To gain knowledge and understanding of briefing and instructing participants and conducting research / data collection
Lesson objectives	By the end of the lesson, learners will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a clear research aim • Make research design decisions with justifications • Design a method and materials to collect psychological data • Identify and manage ethical issues
Vocabulary	n/a
Previous learning	Learners have studied research aims and design decisions including use of stooges in the previous lesson.

Plan

Activities		Resources
Beginning (5 mins)	Learners complete the starter activity using prior knowledge to judge the suitability of the studies.	
Middle (50 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a class, discuss learners' responses. Encourage critical thinking about practical and ethical issues with studying each of the ideas. • Explain that in this lesson, learners will work in small groups to design and conduct psychological research. The data they collect will be analysed next lesson. Assign learners into groups and either allocate or allow groups to select a research topic and research method. • Discuss the steps of the task with the whole class, so they can follow the full research planning process. Support the groups in designing ethical, practical plans that they mean they can achieve numerical data to use for analysis next lesson. • When you have approved their design and materials, the groups can begin data collection. 	

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End (5 mins)

Learners can complete the plenary activity, reflecting on what they anticipate in their results and a challenge they experienced during the research process.

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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