

Questions for selecting research methods

Steps



1. Consider, what can be data sources for your specific research question? What kind of data will help you to answer your questions ?

Research question	Data sources (examples)
Question 1 (your research question)	 (insert examples of data sources)
Question 2 (your research question)	 (insert examples of data sources)

2. Consider how / in what way you can collect data from the data sources?

Data sources	Methods of data gathering
Question 1 (data sources for question 1)	 (examples of methods that may help you collect data from your data sources)
Question 2 (data sources for question 2)	 (examples of methods that may help you collect data from your data sources)

3. Think about your research problems and its characteristics.

What are the specific characteristics of your data sources? How they may affect your data collection?

Data sources	Characteristics	Influence on research
(insert examples of data sources)	(example of characteristics of your data source)	(example how characteristics of your data source may influence method of data collection)

5. Think about feasibility of your method:

- ✔ Money: do you have enough resources to cover expenses for travel, postage, phone calls or printing questionnaires?

- ✔ Time: do you have a realistic deadline?

- ✔ Access to data: is the scope of research realistic to access relevant sources of the data?

- ✔ Cooperation by participants: is the access to participants secured?

- ✔ Ethics