SAGE researchmethods

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Session outline

- Introduction to *SAGE Research Methods*
- Platform demonstration: finding content and using tools
- Interactive activity to help you explore the platform on a Research Methods topic of your choice
- Final questions and session round-up

SAGE Research Methods is a database containing over 4,700 resources, dedicated to the subject area of Research Methods. It supports all stages of the research process from: **writing a research question, conducting a literature review, choosing the best research methods, analysing data,** to **writing up** your results and thinking about publication.

Content

- Content is written by researchers, who largely are research methods faculty from a broad range of disciplines.
- Content is checked for quality by experts.

SAGE Research Methods Core

- 1000+ books, reference works, journal articles, and 75 videos.
- Project Planner
- Research tools

SAGE Research Methods Datasets

- 232 datasets (Datasets 1)
- 163 datasets (Datasets 2)*
- Research tools

Datasets are sample datasets that can be used to support the teaching and independent learning of quantitative and qualitative analytical methods.

SAGE Research Methods Video: Practical Research & Academic Skills

- 61+ hours of video (442 videos)
- Research tools

Streaming video collection covering the practical skills needed to successfully conduct original research.

SAGE Research Methods Cases

- 676 case studies (Cases 1)
- 1300+ case studies (Cases 2)
- Research tools

Cases are detailed records of how real research projects were conducted, showing the challenges and successes of doing research, written by the researchers themselves.

SAGE Research Methods Video

- 120+ hours of video (484 videos)
- Research tools

Streaming video collection that brings research methods to life, covering the full research methods and statistics curriculum.

SAGE Research Methods Video: Data Science, Big Data Analytics, & Digital Methods

- 216 videos*
- Research tools

Streaming video collection covering a range of data science methods, the issues and challenges of using big data and digital methods, and the intersection of computer science and the social sciences.

SAGE Research Methods Core

Books, Reference, Journal articles and 60+ Videos.

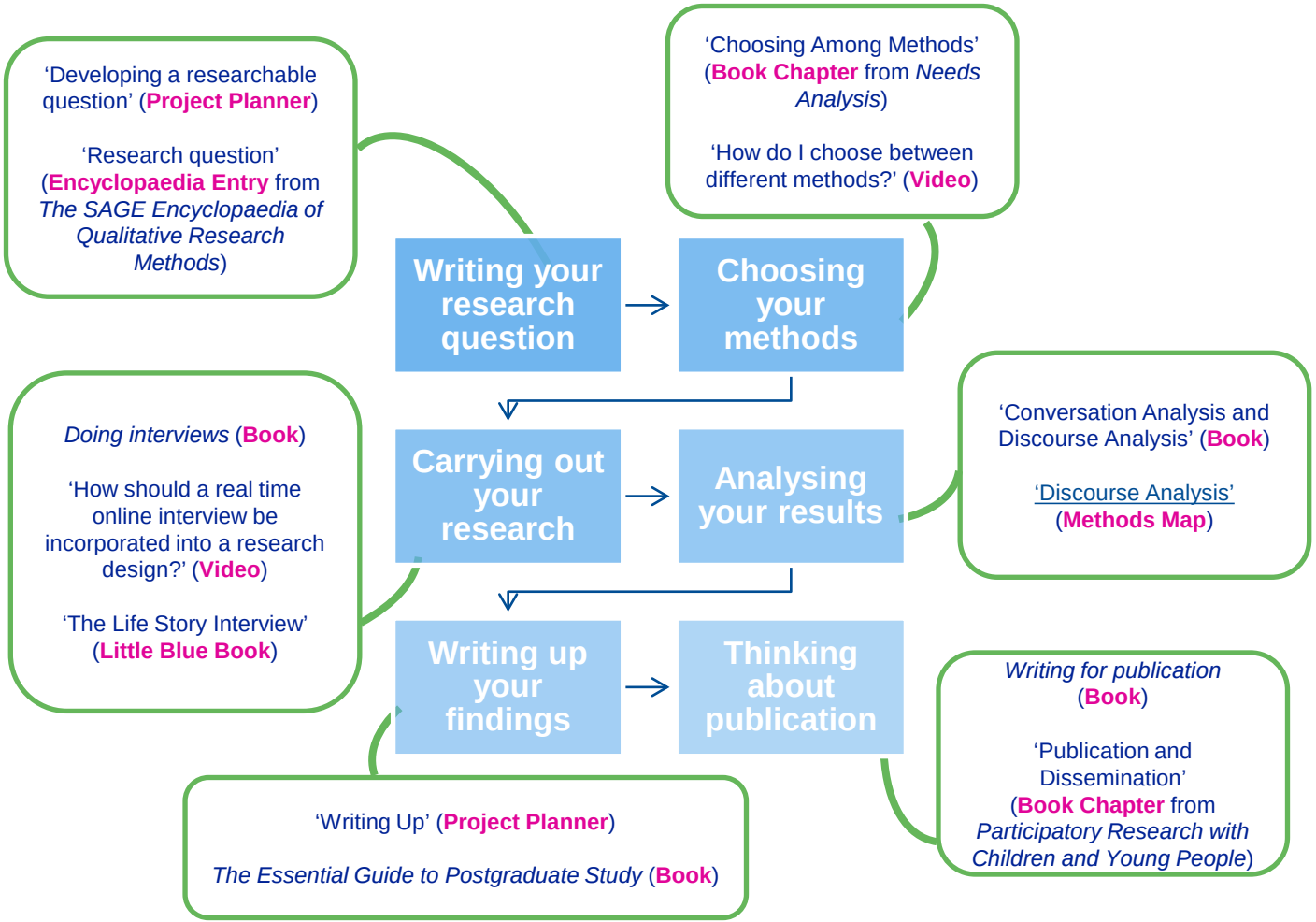
Books – comes in 5 categories:

- Books – full digital versions of print text
- Handbooks – comprehensive coverage of specific subjects
- Little Blue Books – in-depth guide on specific qualitative research methods
- Little Green Books – in-depth guide on specific quantitative research methods
- Major Works – volumes of curated book and journal content that address particular methods of research

Reference – comes in 2 categories:

- Dictionary – quick definitions of research methods concepts.
- Encyclopaedia – longer definitions with more context.

SAGE Research Methods and the research process


‘Developing a researchable question’ (Project Planner)
‘Research question’ (Encyclopaedia Entry from The SAGE Encyclopaedia of Qualitative Research Methods)
‘Choosing Among Methods’ (Book Chapter from Needs Analysis)
‘How do I choose between different methods?’ (Video)
Writing your research question
Choosing your methods
Doing interviews (Book)
‘How should a real time online interview be incorporated into a research design?’ (Video)
‘The Life Story Interview’ (Little Blue Book)
Carrying out your research
Analysing your results
‘Conversation Analysis and Discourse Analysis’ (Book)
‘Discourse Analysis’ (Methods Map)
Writing up your findings
Thinking about publication
‘Writing Up’ (Project Planner)
The Essential Guide to Postgraduate Study (Book)
Writing for publication (Book)
‘Publication and Dissemination’ (Book Chapter from Participatory Research with Children and Young People)

To access the resources listed on the previous slide:

https://methods.sagepub.com/reading-lists/the-research-process-core/34501

SAGE Research Methods
in practice:

helping researchers learn how to
conduct a literature review

'Literature reviews' : Entry from the *Encyclopedia of Research Design*

"Literature reviews can vary along at least seven dimensions…

Focus

Goals

Perspective

Coverage

Organization

Methods of Synthesis

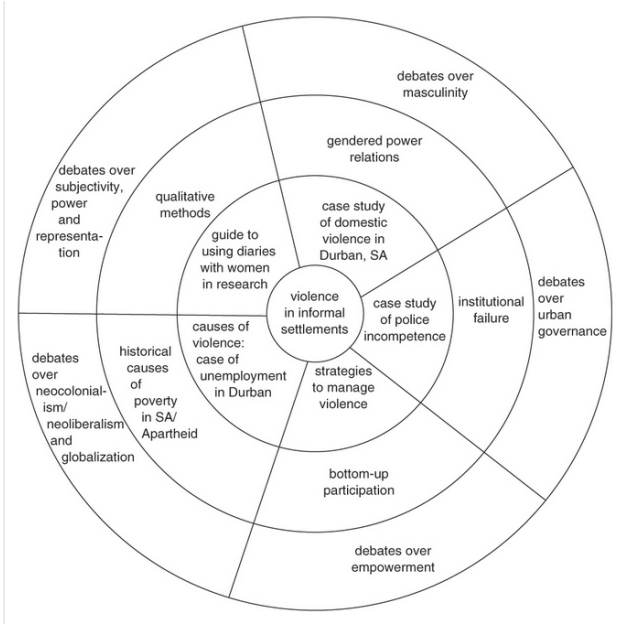
Audience

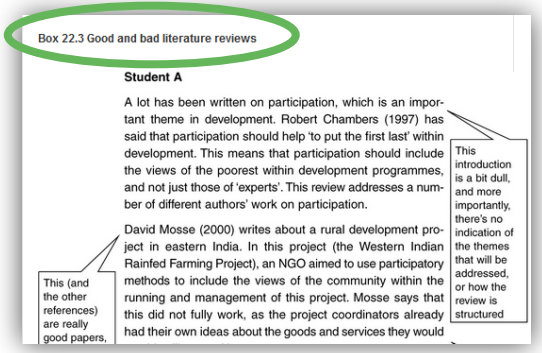
"

How to use this resource

- If this is their first literature review, ask students to use Card's seven dimensions as the structuring framework or starting point of the review to actively engage them in the process
- Ask students to annotate a real literature review according to Card's seven dimensions
- Ask students to focus on one dimension and review a small number of literature reviews, critically analysing different approaches
- Ask students to critique their own work (perhaps a literature review they have written before)

‘Literature reviews and bibliographic searches’: Book Chapter from *Doing Development Research*





Box 22.3 Good and bad literature reviews

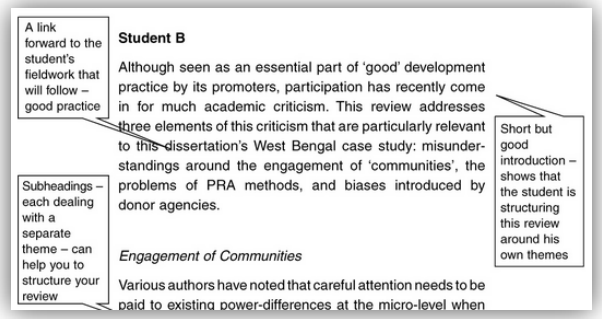
Student A

A lot has been written on participation, which is an important theme in development. Robert Chambers (1997) has said that participation should help ‘to put the first last’ within development. This means that participation should include the views of the poorest within development programmes, and not just those of ‘experts’. This review addresses a number of different authors’ work on participation.

David Mosse (2000) writes about a rural development project in eastern India. In this project (the Western Indian Rainfed Farming Project), an NGO aimed to use participatory methods to include the views of the community within the running and management of this project. Mosse says that this did not fully work, as the project coordinators already had their own ideas about the goods and services they would

This introduction is a bit dull, and more importantly, there’s no indication of the themes that will be addressed, or how the review is structured

This (and the other references) are really good papers,



A link forward to the student’s fieldwork that will follow – good practice

Student B

Although seen as an essential part of ‘good’ development practice by its promoters, participation has recently come in for much academic criticism. This review addresses three elements of this criticism that are particularly relevant to this dissertation’s West Bengal case study: misunderstandings around the engagement of ‘communities’, the problems of PRA methods, and biases introduced by donor agencies.

Short but good introduction – shows that the student is structuring this review around his own themes

Subheadings – each dealing with a separate theme – can help you to structure your review

Engagement of Communities

Various authors have noted that careful attention needs to be paid to existing power-differences at the micro-level when

Highlights of this resource

- The literature map
- Dos and don’ts for the literature review process
- Provides common mistakes to help students avoid them
- Comparisons of good and bad examples of literature reviews
- Strategies for evaluating different types of resources (critical thinking)
- Discussion questions encourage students to reflect on what they’ve read
- Written in an easy-to-understand format, but information and tips are relevant to all students and researchers

To access the resources on literature reviews:

https://methods.sagepub.com/reading-lists/literature-reviews-core/37203

SAGE Research Methods platform:

methods.sagepub.com

SAGE Research Methods
in practice:

Activity

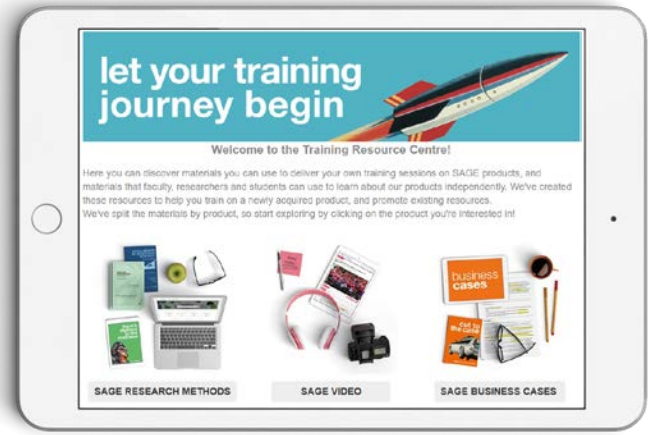
https://app.box.com/s/est1s76nwm06rfvkcjdls94dlyc0of2e

Activity: Resources for ‘literature review’

Resource name & resource type	Search terms	I like this resource because…	I could use this by…
‘Literature reviews’ Entry from the *Encyclopedia of Research Design*	“Literature review” Filtered on encyclopedia reference content type.	The resource shows that literature reviews can vary along at least 7 dimensions. Thinking about these dimensions helps to make the literature review less daunting, and for the research questions and aims to be thought about critically.	Students and researchers could use these seven dimensions as the structuring framework or starting point of their literature review to actively engage in the process. Students and researchers could focus on 1 dimension and review a small number of literature reviews, critically analysing different approaches.
Video – Segment 2 ‘Do I Do My Literature Review Before I Decide on Which Methods I’ll Use?’ in Research Design	“Literature review” Filtered on video content type.	Helps students and researchers to understand the role and position of the literature review in the whole research process.	The author talks about the concept of social class, in relation to the literature review and research design, which helps to give an understanding about how this is applied to a real topic. This video could be used to help students and researchers break down their own topic into more manageable sections.

Want to learn more?

If you'd like to learn more about ***SAGE Research Methods***, we recommend the following resources from our Training Resource Centre:



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