

Defining Key Terms

Pre-task:

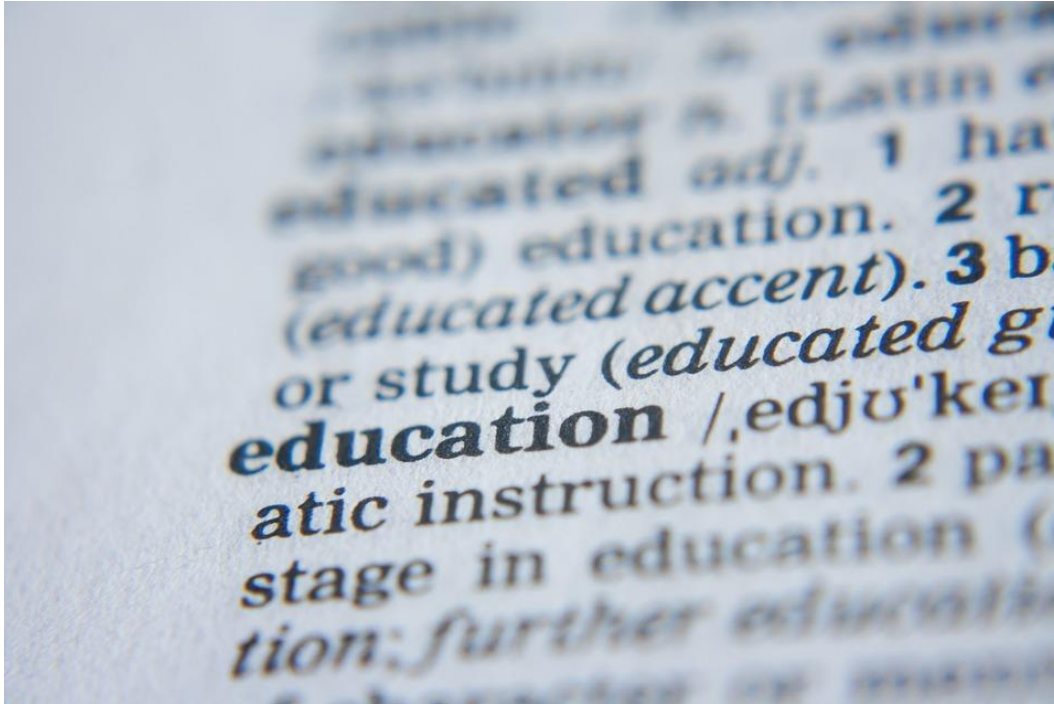


Image 1

It is important to define the research terms one uses so the audience has a better understanding of the topic. How would you define the term “social sciences”?

Watch this [video](#) together with your partner and write down the different key terms the speaker defines.

- Were you familiar with those terms?
- Did the examples provided help you understand the terms?
- Would you be able to use them after watching the video?
- What about your partner?

Task 1:

Have a look at this [glossary](#) of key terms. What do these definitions have in common?

Find a glossary of terms from your own field and think of five terms that are NOT included in the glossary. Take turns to define those five key terms to your partner. Clarify and give further examples as requested.

Task 2:

Discuss with your partner:

- Have you ever used a term even though you were not certain of its meaning?
- Have you ever realised someone was using a term not knowing exactly what it meant?
- Are there any terms in your field that change their meaning depending on the author using it?
- Do you know any words that are used differently in different disciplines?
- In a dissertation, do you prefer words to be defined in the text itself, or in a glossary?

Sources

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