

# Research questions and methodology

## Pre-task:

Make a short list (5-6 items) of research questions you have recently come across when reading research reports.



Image 1

## Task 1:

Share your list with your partner and discuss together how relevant you think they are by predicting the potential implications of the results. Find connections between the possible answers to those questions and the world outside academia (society in general, professional practice in a specific field, etc.).

### Introducing a point:

The main problem is that ...  
This question concerns ...  
The central issue here is ...  
The reason for this study was ...

### Stating something as a fact:

There can be no doubt that ...  
It is a fact that ...  
Nobody will deny that ...  
It is common knowledge that ...  
It has been well established that ...

### Expressing pros and cons:

On the one hand ... on the other hand ...  
Many people think that ..., some others say that ..  
An argument for/against ... is ...  
There are two sides to this question.

**Expressing doubt:**

I'm not convinced that ...

Do you really believe that ... ?

How can we know if ... ?

**Giving reasons:**

The reason I'm saying all this is ...

I base my argument on ... / My arguments are based on the fact that ...

This is due to ... / On account of ...

## Task 2:

Select together the question you find most relevant (with the strongest implications) and propose possible methodological approaches to address it. Assess the pros and cons of each procedure.

## Sources

Figure 1 [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Question\\_book-3.png](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Question_book-3.png)