

- SOCIOLOGY - SUMMER TRANSITION WORK

PART B



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Lots of Sociology will involve thinking about the logistics of HOW we can study society in a scientific manner.

In order to consider this, we need to be aware of the **RESEARCH METHODS** which can be used by Sociologists.

Your task:

Produce a booklet about the research methods. This will be printed and kept in your folder for the entirety of the course (it comes up in 2 exam papers). You can do it either by hand (if neat) or on computer.

Success criteria for EACH method

- An image to represent the method
- A definition of the method
- Advantages and disadvantages of the methods
- CHALLENGE:** Examples of the types of research this method could be used for within sociological research

THE 8 RESEARCH METHODS (1 PER A4 MINIMUM)

1. Questionnaires – self-complete and structured interview
2. Interviews – structured, un-structured and semi – structured
3. Observation – find out the difference between covert, overt, participant, and non-participant
4. Longitudinal studies
5. Case studies
6. Content analysis
7. Ethnography
8. Official and non- official statistics

HELP:

Please remember, as this is an A Level, it will require independent study, so we are **not** giving you all the information you require to complete this task.

Part of the challenge is testing your ability to:

- Research appropriately
- Present information neatly/ in a manner that makes sense
- Not just copy and paste from the internet (we will be checking!)

Helpful websites:

- <https://revisesociology.com/research-methods-sociology/>
- <https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology>
- [https://opentextbc.ca/introductiontosociology/chapter/chapter2-sociological-research/#:~:text=In%20planning%20a%20study's%20design,or%20use%20of%20existing%20sources\).](https://opentextbc.ca/introductiontosociology/chapter/chapter2-sociological-research/#:~:text=In%20planning%20a%20study's%20design,or%20use%20of%20existing%20sources).)
- <https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/>
- <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/research-methods-1>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4lB4SowAQA>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a442lFMFWVA>

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