

Correlation report checklist

1) Abstract Maximum of 150 words (not included in the word count). Summarises the whole study. This should include key and relevant information from each of the four sections below, including references where needed	
2) Introduction – approx. 550 words Definitions of both sensation seeking and risky driving behaviour with references! (These are available on the questionnaires that were used but you will need to read the articles). What is the relationship between the two of these according to empirical literature? End the introduction with a clear and justified hypothesis: <i>It was hypothesised that there would be a strong/weak positive/negative correlation between impulsivity and risky driving behaviour</i> Remember this should come from the literature you have read	
3) Method – approx. 200 words altogether <i>Participants</i> How many? Male/female split? How were they recruited? What were the ranges of ages plus the mean and SD of age? Is there any other study specific information that you can include (hint – it is about driving behaviour...) <i>Design</i> What analysis are you using? What are the variables? Remember that you are looking for a relationship between impulsivity and risky driving behaviour – you cannot determine cause and effect <i>Materials</i> Remember to include BOTH questionnaires in your materials section, with references to the original questionnaires! Use the examples that have been provided on Moodle from your workshops for this module as a guide to structure your own write up. Reliability results: Sensation seeking questionnaire = .52 Risky driving behaviour questionnaire = .82 <i>Procedure</i> What the participants DO from the moment they begin participating in the study. How did they give consent? Required to answer two questionnaires online. Which questionnaire came first? Debrief?... etc etc. A step by step guide of what participants did. Remember that the method section should be written in the past tense	

4) Results – approx. 100-150 words Describe the stats of the MEASURES – means and SD's for impulsivity and risky driving behaviour. Your correlation analysis results should be written in the correct format: remember you need your pearsons correlation value, number of participants and p value. $r =$, $n =$, $p < .05$ (or $=$ if you prefer) Also remember to include a graph (NOT the one from SPSS – remember to never copy and paste SPSS outputs into your own work – create your own graph) APA conventions for reporting stats state that you MUST italicise any letters that precede numerical stats. This will count for ANY test that you carry out and report so remember to do this! What needs to be italicised altogether? <i>M</i> for the means (capital M) <i>SD</i> for standard deviations (capitals) <i>r</i> for correlation (lowercase r) <i>n</i> for number of participants (lowercase n) <i>p</i> for p-value (lowercase p) End your results section with a statement about whether or not you can accept your hypothesis.	
5) Discussion – approx. 550 words What do your results mean? Do your findings match what was found in previous research? For example, if you have included a study in your introduction that states there is a positive link between impulsivity and risky driving behaviour, why do you think your study didn't find these results? Think about the limitations of the sample you have used, how many participants you had, the design of the study etc. Finish off your discussion with a solid conclusion (as you would with an essay). What does your study actually conclude? There wasn't a significant relationship between the two variables but could be explored in the future by including other variables such as gender or age, or another personality construct.... (remember, though, if you are suggesting these things you should back them up with support and literature...)	
6) Reference list Include ALL of the references you have included in the report in APA 6th style. Remember that this should be called a Reference List and NOT a bibliography.	
7) Appendices Include a copy of both questionnaires, consent and debrief information and your SPSS output (you can copy and paste these onto your final document ready for submission)	

8) FINALLY! – presentation	
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Remember to double space your work! Font should be in either Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman, size 12. Include a title page at the beginning and make sure you have all the relevant sections and subheadings included in the report.	
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