

Research Methods II

Qualitative Report Resit: Assessment Guidance

Title page

Please provide an appropriate title for your report and use this as your front cover / title page. There should be no other information on this first page.

Abstract

As taught in Research Methods. MUST be included. This should be a short summary (approximately 150 words) of the whole report and must include key information from each of the four main sections.

The abstract should be on the second page on its own and use single line spacing. The text should be justified evenly between the margins.

Introduction

Start this on the third page.

You will need to include empirical evidence that supports the rationale for the study. The topic is exploring the benefits of dog ownership so you should look for literature that documents the ways in which individuals perceive dogs to have an effect on their general, and psychological, well-being. This section should end with a specific research question (NOT a hypothesis!).

Method

You must paraphrase the information below appropriately.

Participants

A single female participant's interview was analysed for this report. The interview was pre-recorded and transcribed, and the transcription was provided to students undertaking this thematic analysis. The woman was 48 years old and lived in South West Wales. She was the owner of three dogs.

Data collection

The transcript for this report resulted from a qualitative interview design for collection of data. The transcription of the interview was provided in this case and indicates the questions asked. If the student had conducted the interview, consent and debrief forms, an interview schedule and a voice recorder would have been used. The consent form would have included...(state this in your own words). The debrief form would have...(state this in your

own words e.g. content, talking through). The data collection process was conducted prior to this assessment. If the student had conducted the study, the procedure would have been... (describe this in your own words) • Consent form (how this would be used)

Data Analysis

This report used thematic analysis (Braun and Clarke, 2013) to interpret themes and sub-themes.

Results

Begin this section by indicating what analysis has been conducted, how many themes have been observed and introduce the table of themes. A table of themes **MUST** be included within your results section and should include the themes, sub-themes and an example quotation that supports each theme/sub-theme. Make sure you include some narrative **BEFORE** the table.

First theme: Introduce this theme e.g. (with a different example) Theme 1: The Healthy Diet. A theme of status was interpreted, as this encompassed a number of aspects relating to this, introduced and discussed by the participants. Sub-themes for 'The healthy Diet include e.g. 'Balanced diet', 'Supplementing the diet', 'Fresh foods'..... Then move on to your first subtheme...

Subtheme 1.1 'Balanced Diet'

Discuss your interpretations in detail, as these are your findings.

The sub-theme sections are where you include quotes from the participant to support your analysis.

Sub-theme 1.2 'Supplementing the diet' and so on until all themes and sub-themes are presented and explained.

Include a brief overall conclusion summing up each theme and a sentence or two to conclude each sub-theme.

Theme 2: Family life/responsibilities and staying healthy

Sub-theme 2.1

Subtheme 2.2

Subtheme 2.3

Brief conclusion.

Ensure you end this section with an overall summary of the whole analysis and main interpretations.

Discussion

No statement of significance, as you did not use statistics.

Discuss your results as you would in any report. State how your findings relate to the literature you have explored/included within your introduction.

Consider strengths and limitations of the research.

Suggestions for further research in this field.

Remember to include an overall conclusion regarding your findings.

References

Start your reference list on a new page. References must be in APA 7th ed style.

Appendices

Include your annotated transcription ALL IN ONE DOCUMENT (either copy and paste into the back of the report if you have typed your analysis directly into word, or photograph each page and add to the report if you have printed the transcript out and analysed on paper)