

Abstract

As taught in Research Methods. MUST be included. MUST include mention of each section of the report.

Literature Review

This is an *individual differences assessment*.

The focus of the study is the complex experiences of older people with Autism Spectrum disorder who experience social exclusion. Compared to neurotypical individuals, people with ASD can be more vulnerable to negative effects.

You will need to include:

Definitions - e.g. ASD, social exclusion and isolation.

Introduce the topic: Specific vulnerabilities of people with ASD to be and/or feel socially excluded. How might older people with ASD be particularly vulnerable?

Include different types of complex negative effects of social exclusion that have been found in studies of people with ASD and older people with ASD.

You must include empirical evidence to support your points and justify your research focus.

Leading to the...

Research question (NOT a hypothesis for qualitative research) at end of literature review:

‘How do undergraduate students perceive the risk of social exclusion on older people with autism, and how do they think negative effects might be improved?’ (*See assessment proforma*)

Method

Participants: e.g. One participant was interviewed by each group member.... The transcripts from two interviews... Age and gender information here. How were these recruited? (fellow students etc...)

Design: What type of data collection? (*include use of the scenario during your interview as a stimulus material*). What type of analysis? Why?

****While your questions can include some direct reference to Alan’s case (stimulus material), it is expected that you will include questions that go beyond this to explore cognitive, emotional and social effects that older people with ASD in general could experience. Your questions should connect with the empirical literature you include in your report. Therefore, ensure you read around this topic, so that your group’s questions link to your own literature.**

Data Collection: Step-by-step procedure with enough detail that another researcher could duplicate the way you collected your data.

Remember to include all materials in the Method section including example questions (signpost to the full list of questions in the appendices).

Results format

Table of themes/sub-themes/example quotation (MUST be included)

Theme 1: 'Theme name'

Introduce this theme and explain why it contains the Sub-themes. Then move on to your first subtheme...

Subtheme 1.1 'Subtheme name'

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

Discuss the subtheme: What did the participant/participants appear to be saying with regard to this?

Just one or both participants might have spoken about a subtheme. If both did, did they talk about this subtheme in the same way, or did they offer different comments or opinions?

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

A summary sentence for each subtheme relating to what the participants appear to have told you (from this interpretation of the data)

Subtheme 1.2

Etc...

Theme 2

Subtheme 2.1

Etc...

Conclusion to summarise the analysis section

****TERMINOLOGY REMINDER:** Themes do not 'emerge' from the data, nor are they 'found'. The researcher does the work of analysis; thus, they are 'interpreted' by the researcher.

Discussion

Discuss your findings as you would in any report. Refer to your findings (themes) in relation to the empirical literature you included. Do your findings support or challenge prior related research?

Consider strengths and limitations of your own study (there are both).

Make suggestions for further research in this field.

Conclusion

Remember to include an overall conclusion regarding your findings.

Reference section – MUST be included

Appendices - Include

1. Scenario
2. Information sheet
3. Consent form
4. Demographic form (if used, or state in the method how you collected this information)
5. Interview questions
6. Debrief form
7. Your two annotated transcriptions

ALL IN ONE DOCUMENT (If possible, copy and paste **images** into to the report so that they do not add to the word count – these must be large and readable)