

## 5 TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS

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The lecturer-listener model of education has evolved significantly. Teachers today play the role of guides rather than merely lecturers, and students take on the role of fellow learners as well. For both sides, education has become more engaging and experiential. As a result, teachers now have access to a wider variety of teaching methods.

For a teacher, the vast array of education-related abilities may appear intimidating. Fortunately, there is a technique that can assist a teacher in identifying the areas of instruction that require improvement. Research is used in this approach, especially classroom action research. Unlike basic research, classroom action research (CAR) is more focused and is more interested in the teaching process than the subjects covered. A CAR is essentially a type of practitioner study on the state of a class at the moment. This implies that the teacher or practitioner is the one who actively researches the needs of his or her class.

In order to acquire information and develop an outline for any writing project, whether it be for academic or artistic purposes, writers need to have strong research abilities. You can become informed in any subject area you need to write about by learning how to conduct structured and efficient research. To improve your research and writing abilities, consider the following research techniques and advice:

Start out broadly before getting into the details. Although it may be difficult to know where to start, there is nothing wrong with doing a basic online search to get you going while conducting research. Online resources like Google and Wikipedia, while not

always correct, are a great method to gain a general understanding of a topic because they frequently include a basic overview along with a brief history and any key points.

Understand how to spot a reliable source. You must be able to distinguish between dependable sources and unreliable sources because not all sources are trustworthy. Use your critical thinking and analytical abilities to identify a trustworthy source by asking yourself the following questions: Does this source concur with the other sources I have found? Is the author a subject matter authority?

Verify data from several sources. In general, anyone can say whatever they want on the internet because so many websites don't check their information for factual truth. This indicates that there are a lot of questionable sources available, as well as those that are flat-out false. The easiest approach to avoid this is to make sure that whatever you learn through your study has many sources that can attest to its veracity. Make sure that at least two different sources have identical information rather than relying solely on one website.

Stay organized. You may encounter a vast variety of material during the data collection process, including webpages, PDFs, and videos. To avoid losing something or being unable to correctly cite something, it's imperative that you maintain all of this information structured in some fashion. There are a lot of ways to arrange your research assignment, but here are a few popular ones: bookmarks on your web browser, index cards, and an updated annotated bibliography.

Examine expert assistance resources relevant to your research. Access specialized guides to discovering news, photos, statistics, and archives, as well as research guidelines to help you understand programs like EndNote and SPSS. These guides will also help you identify and evaluate research from a variety of disciplines, from the humanities to the health sciences.

Try not to approach research in such vast chunks because it can feel difficult to capture such large volumes of knowledge when you're faced with seemingly limitless sources. You can gradually master the research paper, a skill that will be useful to you for many years to come, by starting out broadly before getting into the details, understanding how to spot a reliable source, verifying data from several sources, staying organized and examining expert assistance resources relevant to your research.

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