

Prep 3: Self-report techniques

Read about this in the research methods pack, then answer the following questions

1. What is the difference between a structured interview and an unstructured interview?
2. Give one reason why a questionnaire may be used instead of an interview.
3. A researcher wants to find out about the experiences of ex-offenders who were given a custodial sentencing (sent to Prison).

Which would be a better technique to gather this data – questionnaires or interviews? Justify your decision.

4. Give one example of a closed question (come up with your own!)
5. Give one example of an open question (come up with your own!)
6. Give three features of a good questionnaire and three features of a good interview.
7. What should be avoided when designing and conducting questionnaires and interviews?