

CATEGORY	Expected (4)	Acceptable (3)	One mark here (1)	Keep working (0)
Question	The research question requires data be collected from multiple sources and the question is important and interesting.	Data can be collected from fewer than 5 sources or it is of limited importance or interest.	The question has probably been answered and the research is simply a matter of finding it.	The question can be answered by referring to multiple common sources.
Introduction	The reader becomes convinced the problem is significant and the reader understands what data will be gathered and how it will be analyzed.	The reader has questions about the importance of the problem or how data collection and analysis will occur.	The reader is unsure of the importance of the questions being answered or cannot understand what methods will be used to answer the question.	The problem is identified and the methods are indicated, but not described.
Review of Literature		The reader understands other research that has been conducted on similar problems and the connections between the review and the question are clear.	Other findings are described, but the reader must speculate about the connections between the review and the question.	Other findings are mentioned, but not described.
Methods	A skilled researcher could replicate the research by following the methods.	A skilled researcher would have questions about how to replicate the research.	The reader has an idea about what was done.	The methods are poorly described.
Approval of Methods		The methods are approved prior to data collection.		
Findings	The research question is answered with multiple references to data.	Research question is answered with limited or unreasonable reference to data.	The answer is only partially answered or the answer is not supported by the data.	Data are not reported or the question is not answered.

Diagrams & Illustrations	Diagrams and illustrations are neat, accurate and add to the reader's understanding of the topic.	Diagrams and illustrations are accurate and add to the reader's understanding of the topic.	Diagrams and illustrations are neat and accurate and sometimes add to the reader's understanding of the topic.	Diagrams and illustrations are not accurate OR do not add to the reader's understanding of the topic.
Conclusion	All three: 1) Data is reasonably evaluated. 2) Unanswered questions are identified and explained. 3) Next steps are identified and explained.	Fewer than all three, or any of the three are only partially completed.	Only one or multiple of the three are only partially completed.	No conclusions are elucidated.
References	1) Sufficient references in text. 2) Complete reference section. 3) APA followed accurately.	1 & 2, with some inaccuracies in 3		
Mechanics	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	Almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors	A few grammatical spelling, or punctuation errors.	Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.
Process	All deadlines for progress were met.			Multiple deadlines were missed.

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