

Research Question Bank

While reading a research article consider these questions ...

1. What is the problem that the authors are trying to address?
2. Why is it important or relevant to libraries/NZ libraries/your library?
3. What are the authors trying to achieve with their study? What question are they asking?
4. How will this address the problem in 1?
5. What research strategy did the authors use?
6. What methods did they use to carry out this strategy?
7. Were these methods the most appropriate for what they were trying to achieve?
8. What other methods could have been used and how would they answer the question differently?
9. What ethical considerations were needed to carry out this study?
10. Was the data/information collected of sufficient quality to draw reliable and valid conclusions?
11. How was the data/information analysed? Was this appropriate for the data/information collected?
12. Did the data/information collected allow the authors to answer the question in 3? How?
13. Did this contribute to addressing the problem in 1? How?
14. What future work did the authors identify as arising from their study? Can you think of other research that could be done to contribute to addressing the problem in 1?
15. Would you be interested in doing such a study?