



Personal Learning Checklist (PLC)

Subject - GCSE Sociology (Eduqas 9-1)

Topic/Sub-Topic – Unit 2: Sociological Research Methods

S = I have Summarised ✓ O = I have Organised (RAG or 😊😐😞) R = I have Recalled ✓ T = I have Tested Myself ✓

I can ...	S	O	R	T
1) Usefulness of different types of data				
Describe and explain the differences between primary and secondary research data, with reference to specific and relevant examples.				
Describe and explain the differences between qualitative and quantitative data, with reference to specific and relevant examples.				
Describe and explain various sources of secondary data, including diaries, journals, official and non-official statistics.				
Evaluate the advantages, disadvantages and usefulness of these types of data to sociologists.				
2) Methods of research				
Describe, discuss and evaluate qualitative and quantitative methods of research including questionnaires, structured and unstructured interviews and different types of observations (overt, covert, participant and non-participant).				
Describe, discuss and evaluate the value, practical application and strengths / weaknesses of different methods in terms of validity, reliability, ethics and representativeness.				
Describe, discuss and evaluate mixed methods approaches.				
3) Sampling processes				
Describe and explain the differences between representative and non-representative sampling techniques.				
Evaluate and advantages and disadvantages of using representative and non-representative sampling techniques.				
4) Practical issues affecting research				
Describe and explain different practical issues and how they can impact upon research projects.				
Describe and explain difficulties involved in gaining access to suitable research participants.				
Describe and explain what it means to be the “gatekeeper” that allows access to research.				
Describe, explain and evaluate the impact of time, money and resources (human and physical) upon research projects.				

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