

The Research Project

Designing a
question with
potential

Ask

open-ended questions:

- how useful...
- to what extent...
- how accurate...
- why...
- what is the best way to...

Avoid questions that:

- are self-evident
- are too broad
- confirm your preconceptions
- you already know the answer to

**Is your
question
researchable?**

**Can your
question be
researched in
the available
time frame?**

Refine your question.

Consider a specific:

- geographical location
- historical time frame
- theme or content
- purpose
- section of the population

**Use the
performance
standards**

to test the
potential of
your question

**Will your
research
outcome
address your
question?**

Want to have clear and coherent expression of ideas?

- Writing: Check grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Oral: Practise correct grammar, pronunciation and intonation
- Use language with appropriate complexity and tone for your audience

**Want to develop
your skills to
relate to and move
between cultures?**

Consider researching
about your first
language or culture

**Want to
communicate with
a range of people
in a variety of
contexts?**

Use your first language
to conduct parts of your
research