

Writing a Research Question

What is research question?

A Research Question is an answerable inquiry into a specific concern or issue. Your topic is what your project is about. Your research question is a question you need to find an answer to that is related to your topic

Why is a research question important?

1. It is the starting point of your research and will build the foundation for your project
2. It helps you narrow your focus and be more specific about your topic

How to create a Research Question

1. Pick your topic. Let's say it's communication
2. Narrow your focus by listing a few areas in communication and narrowing the list again E.g.:
Interpersonal: Non-verbal, Verbal, Written, Social Media
3. Think of a question. It shouldn't be too broad e.g.

What impact does Social Media have on Interpersonal Communication?

4. Nor should your question be too narrow that it could be answered by a few facts or a simple yes/no answer
5. It needs to be a question that will require you to defend and explain your answer
6. A more specific research question relating to your topic on communication could be:

What impact does Facebook have on Interpersonal Communication among teenage girls in Dublin?