Theme 09: Methodology

What to include in your methodology chapter

**Task 1**

Discuss with your partner what the aim of the methodology chapter is?

**Task 2**

Read the following statements and tick (✓) which should be included in the methodology section of your final report.

1. An explanation of why you chose a particular method of data collection
2. Definitions of key terms related to the research
3. A description of the sample group and characteristics of respondents
4. An explanation of how and why you chose the sampling method you did
5. Analysis of data
6. Graphs and charts
7. Description of research instrument (questionnaire or interview questions)
8. Reference to the appendix containing research instrument, letter of informed consent, etc.
9. Reference to research literature that underpins your research design
10. Identification of any ethical issues raised by the research methodology
11. Summary of problems faced when doing research
12. Evidence of data collected
13. Research questions
14. Possible limitations of the methodology used
15. Explanation of how you gained access to respondents
16. Information about how questionnaire was piloted and what changes were made
17. Mention of research diary
18. Brief reference to validity and reliability
19. Description of how questionnaire was administered (face to face, via email)
20. Implications for future researchers (i.e. how your research design could be improved)

Now look at a sample methodology section on the VLE and identify the features above.

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