

## Psychology Related Research Questions & Solutions

### Questions

Step #1: Picking a Psychology related Research Question about ABA Therapy or writer's choice. The question I originally chose myself was "Is ABA Therapy a Good Therapy to use for Children with Autism?" However, my professor wants me to be more specific and name a certain technique or method that hasn't yet been tested. Her instructions & feedback are below:

*"Hi Shannen, investigating ABA sounds like a great idea! However, asking, " Is ABA Therapy a Good Therapy to use for Children with Autism? " isn't really a good research question. It's too broad - you would have to test hundreds of interventions with thousands of people and you probably still wouldn't have an answer. You will need to be much more specific. You can ask whether a specific ABA intervention can be used to improve a specific aspect of autism. I suggest that you read through some journal articles to get a sense of what ABA method you could use and what aspect of autism you'd like to test. You need something that has not yet been tested (because why would we need you to conduct a study if it's already been done?) and yet reasonable (something that makes sense given the research that's out there). So, the method you are proposing has to be unique but also makes sense. You have a lot to think about, and you will need to read some journal articles to decide which way to go."*

So I need the writer to come up with a new proposed research question about ABA therapy and a method or technique that hasn't been tested yet specifically or if the writer has a better psychology research question about something else in the psychology field I can accept that as well.

*Whatever the writer decides to choose as a research question please follow what my professor is asking: "You need something that has not yet been tested (because why would we need you to conduct a study if it's already been done?) and yet reasonable (something that makes sense given the research that's out there). So, the method you are proposing has to be unique but also makes sense." (Direct words from my professor).*

Step #2: A short response to 4 simple additional questions asked by professor: After picking a research question I will need the writer to answer the following questions: (350 words minimum words in total)

Directions: Provide an analysis of how ones' own experience, unsystematic and systematic observation, theory, and applied issues can help you to develop sound research ideas. See if you can generate an additional two more research questions as an alternative to your original question from step 1, and share the source of your idea with the class. Evaluate the quality of your research question based on the following criteria:

\* Is your question from step 1 directly answerable?

- \* Is your question from step 1 empirically based?
- \* Does your question from step 1 use operational definitions to define variables?
- \* Describe how a research question differs from a hypothesis.

STEP 3 IF ON THE OTHER DOCUMENT/ TEMPLATE I ATTACHED ON SEPARATE FILE.

## Solution

### Step 1

Research question: Is Parent training intervention under ABA Therapy a Good Therapy to use for Children with Autism?

### Step 2

#### Answer 1

The research question that has been mentioned as the research topic is quite a simple but the direct answer to it is not available. The researcher needs to identify the features of the Discrete Trial Training and relate it to the effects and methodologies that are to be applied for parents to take upon the responsibility of applying the mentioned theory on their autistic child.

#### Answer 2

The question mentioned above is not empirically based. As the professor has asked to take up something which has not yet been researched and would help in innovating a new idea into the world of ABA therapy dealing with Autism. The above-mentioned question would help to develop a different and effective solution. This would affect the parents, the therapists, and the parents on a large basis. The demand of the research is to bring up some new visions so that a new idea and a new viewpoint is created to look upon the ABA therapy and Autism.

#### Answer 3

The question mentioned above has correctly followed the rules of the ABA therapy and has rightly used the operational definitions for the variables. The base of the therapy and the method of dealing with the patients has been kept intact, it's just that the source or the medium of providing the therapy has been transferred from the therapists to the parents of the autistic children. All the facts and the rules of the therapy are remained intact and has been followed, it's like looking at the same coin from the different side.

#### Answer 4

A research question is the one, which has been newly framed, and it has not been done by any other person in the early life. The research is about finding out the existing facts about a topic and presenting it in a new way. The hypothesis is something, which is predicted for a particular situation that is to occur in future and test it under certain assumptions in order to get a result. A hypothesis can give a number of results but a research remains intact with a particular fact.