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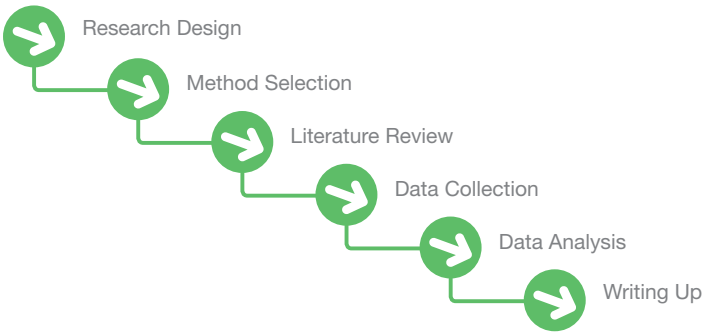
What every researcher needs

User Guide

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The books, reference works, journal articles, cases, sample datasets, and videos in *SAGE Research Methods* provide everything you need to design and execute a research project. From verifying that your research question is a good one to conducting a literature review, to choosing and applying a methodology, the content in *SAGE Research Methods* will inform every step of your project. The full range of methods used in the behavioral sciences are covered, as are many commonly used in science, technology, and medicine.

Carrying out a research project



Content

SAGE Research Methods contains information suited to all levels of researchers, from undergrads starting their first projects to the most senior faculty. Content includes dictionary and encyclopedia entries, book chapters, full books, journal articles, and the complete Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences (Little Green Books) and Qualitative Research Methods series (Little Blue Books). You may also have access to case studies from the ***SAGE Research Methods Cases*** collection, downloadable sample datasets from ***SAGE Research Methods Datasets***, and streaming video from ***SAGE Research Methods Video***.

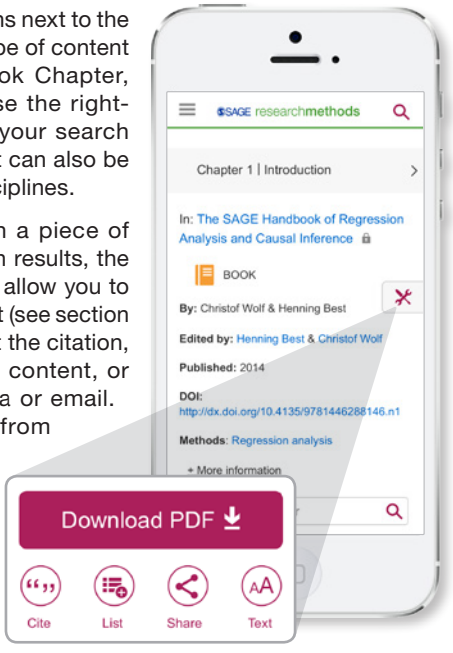
If you're looking for	Try
A quick explanation of a term or concept	Dictionary or Encyclopedia entry
In-depth coverage of a specific aspect of a method	Whole books (Little Green and Little Blue Books can be especially useful for method overviews)
In-depth coverage of a specific aspect of a method	Book chapters that hone in on that topic
Actual examples of methods applied in real research contexts	Journal articles or *Cases*
Sample datasets for hands-on practice or to use in assignments or exams	*Datasets*
Methods in action	*Video*

Search

Enter a term or phrase in the quick search box on the home page, or use the Advanced Search link to filter your search by multiple criteria and for Boolean queries.

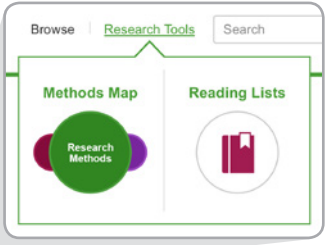
In the search results, icons next to the titles will tell you what type of content the entry is (Book, Book Chapter, Case, etc.). You can use the right-hand sidebar to refine your search by content type. Content can also be refined by academic disciplines.

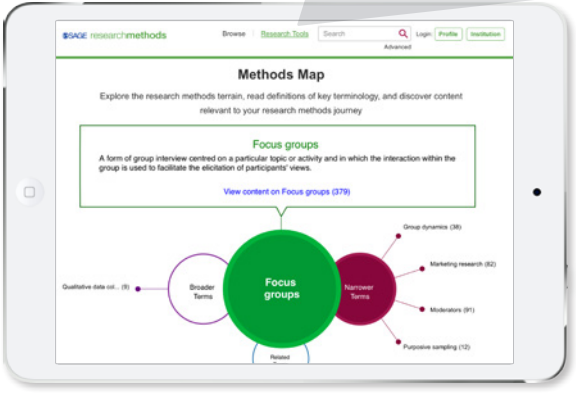
Once you've clicked on a piece of content from your search results, the tool menu at the top will allow you to add it to your Reading List (see section on Reading Lists), export the citation, download a PDF of the content, or share it via social media or email. You can print directly from your browser or from the PDF view.



Methods Map

The Methods Map is a visualization illustrating how the methods terms featured on ***SAGE Research Methods*** are related. This can be a useful tool to help users find the exact method and content they're looking for. A definition of the term appears at the top center of the screen, along with a link to access content. Broader terms appear to the left and narrower terms to the right, so you can easily explore related concepts and content. The Methods Map can be accessed with the Research Tools link.

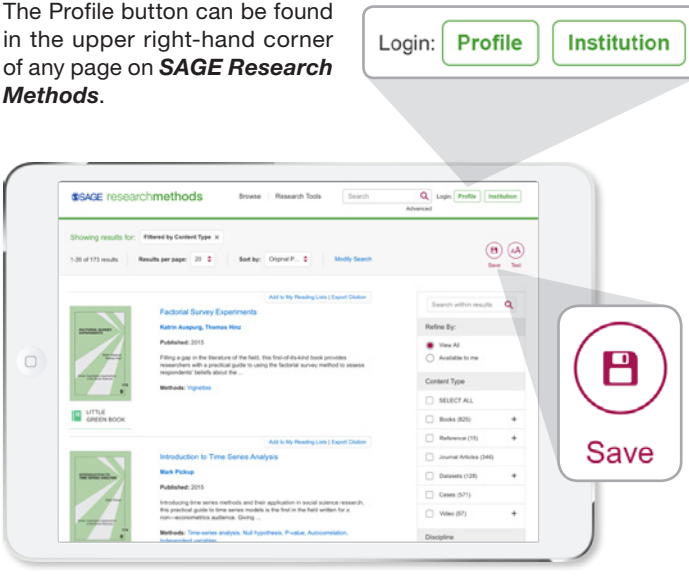




Reading Lists and Saved Searches

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The Profile button can be found in the upper right-hand corner of any page on ***SAGE Research Methods***.



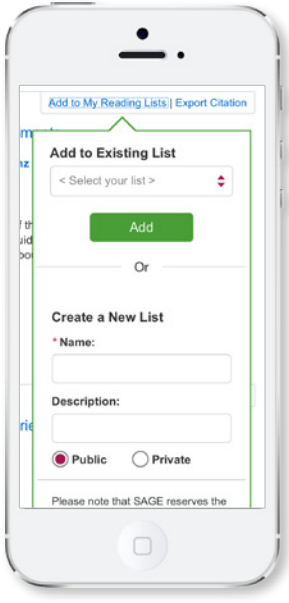
Saved Searches

Once signed in, you can save any searches using the disc icon in the upper right-hand corner.

Reading Lists

Under Research Tools, select Reading Lists to see public lists created by other users.

To create your own Reading Lists, simply click on the “Add to My Reading Lists” link from any content or search results page. Add the name of the list in the dialog box, then hit create. You can continue adding content to the list by selecting it from the drop-down menu of your lists in the “Add to My Reading Lists” box. Reading Lists are set to public by default to encourage sharing among users, but you can make your list private to keep it for your own use. Faculty members can use the Embed feature to share a Reading List with their students on their online syllabus or course management system.



To view your Reading Lists or Saved Searches, log into your profile and click on your name in the upper right corner of the screen.

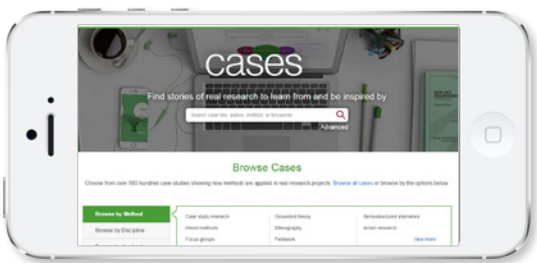
cases

SAGE Research Methods Cases are stories of how real research projects were conducted, showing the challenges and successes of doing research, written by the researchers themselves. They explain why the researchers chose the methods they did, how they overcame problems in their research and what they might have done differently with hindsight: the realities of research that are missing from journal articles and textbooks.

If your library has access, *Cases* will appear alongside other content on ***SAGE Research Methods***, or you can browse cases by method, discipline, or academic level at **methods.sagepub.com/cases**.

Each Case contains:

- Learning objectives
- Exercises and discussion questions
- Links to published articles about the study when available

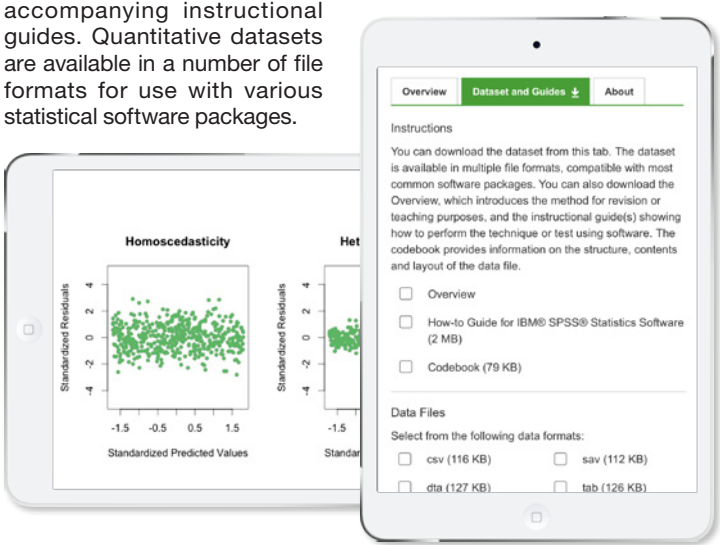


datasets

SAGE Research Methods Datasets is a collection of sample datasets and instructional guides that give students a chance to learn data analysis by practicing themselves. This bank of topical, engaging practice datasets, indexed by method and data type, are optimized to use in classroom exercises or in exam papers, saving faculty members hours spent sourcing and cleaning data themselves.

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The download tab will allow you to download the sample data and accompanying instructional guides. Quantitative datasets are available in a number of file formats for use with various statistical software packages.



video

SAGE Research Methods Video contains nearly 130 hours of video, including tutorials, case study videos, expert interviews, and more, covering the entire research methods and statistics curriculum. The videos can help to bring methods to life: instead of reading about how to conduct a focus group, users can watch one in action. Stimulate class discussions by assigning videos for pre-class viewing, or use a clip in class to provide an alternative viewpoint.

If your library has access, videos will appear alongside other content in searches, or you can browse by method, discipline, or video type at **methods.sagepub.com/video**.

Videos include a running transcript, allowing for full text searching.

Use the embed button in the upper right corner to add video to your course management system.

Use the create clip tool to create custom selections of video for use in classes or presentations. You will need to be signed in to your Profile to save clips.

