

# let your training journey begin



## Trainer's top tips: *SAGE Research Methods*

Our Trainers have put together their top tips for using the *SAGE Research Methods* platform, an online database for anyone doing research or learning how to do research. To learn more about this database, [explore more of our training resources](#), and speak to your library staff who will be happy to help you!

### Make sure you have full access to what you want to read

Different institutions have access to different levels of *SAGE Research Methods* content. If you do not have access to content through your institution's subscription, you will see a purple padlock icon: 

If you are seeing resources in your search results with the purple padlock icon next to it, click the **Content available to me** filter to the right of your search results.

### Create a free profile to save searches, add resources to lists, and create video clips

By [creating a free profile](#) on the platform, you will be able to save searches, add resources to lists to refer to later, and create customised video clips.

**Save a search:** On the search results page, click the **Save** icon at the top-right of the screen. Give your search a title and click **Save**.

**Save a resource to My Reading Lists:** On the resource page, click the second option in the set of icons to the right of the resource title called **List**. Choose the list you'd like to add the resource to, or create a brand-new list.

**Create video clips:** On the video page, click on **Create Clip** underneath the video. Use the sliders that appear on the video to select the start and end times of your desired clip. Click on **Save** to add the clip **To My Clips (a list just for clips)** or **To List**. Choose the list you'd like to add the video clip to, or create a brand-new list. Video clips are a great way of personalising your content to use in your own teaching or learning!

You can access **My Searches**, and **My Lists (and My Clips)** via **My Profile** at the top-right of the platform.

### Use Research Tools to guide and support through every step of the research process

From any page within the database, look for the **Research Tools** link at the top of the page. Hover over this to reveal links to the **Research Tools**. Explore the **Methods Map** to learn how methods are related and find definitions of key terms. Use **Project Planner** to guide you through your research project by using the project stages on the right-hand side, and clicking on the stage that best describes where you are.

### Look out for unique content to enhance your teaching and learning

*SAGE Research Methods* contains different content types to support your varied teaching and learning aims. **Cases** are detailed records of how real research projects were conducted, showing the challenges and successes of doing research, written by the researchers themselves. **Datasets** can be used to support the teaching and independent learning of quantitative and qualitative analytical methods. **Video** is an engaging way of bringing research methods to life. To discover this content, **Browse** from the link at the top of the page by **Content Type**, or filter from your search results page by **Content Type**.