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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**.