

# THE 8 STEPS IN RESEARCH PROCESS (KHUMAR, 1999)

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# In quantitative research,



- Data are large
- Mainly in form of numbers (quantity)
- It comes with assumption and hypothesis
- Works with statistical analysis
- Usually deals with VALIDITY testing
- Well recognized as HARD

# Quantitative Methods and Designs



- Exp. Research
- Correlational research
- Survey)\*

# In qualitative research,



- Deals with natural phenomenon
- Small data (single)
- Address to understand more about the natural occurring data, e.g. person, group of persons in **context!**
- Examples of qualitative research: case study, descriptive study, classroom action research, pragmatics, linguistic analysis

# Research process (continued)



## # selecting the topic (1)

- Remember, in your cases here, your topic **MUST** be related to English Language Teaching
  - English language
  - English teaching

# Project:



- With your partner, think and discuss, and write the research topics you are interested in;
- Write down possibilities and provide some evidences, e.g. argument and opinion why is it worth enough to investigate (doing this, you may consult to references)



## # **Narrowing down (2)**/ specifying your research topic

- When specific, it tells about “what will be analyzed, x & y variables”
- See your topic again, and
  - ▣ Is it manageable?
  - ▣ Is it too large?
  - ▣ is it easy to find the data
  - ▣ Do you know how to access the data, research field?
  - ▣ What about your affordance? Your resources, e.g. capability, and so forth.



## # **Formulating research problem (3)**

- ▣ mostly constructed in a form of **QUESTION**
- ▣ written in **correct grammar**

# Research question will **guide** and **determine** the design and instrumentation of the research

- ✓ Research question addressing natural phenomenon will direct to qualitative research;
- ✓ Research question indicates manipulation, large data, numeric data will lead us to quantitative research





## # **Constructing research design (4)**

- Understand your research question,
- Identify the dependent and independent variables (Qn), proposition (QI)
- Justify the technique of data collection
- Determine the technique of data analysis



## # Constructing research instrument (5)

- Refer to your research question
- Determine its instrument to gather required data, e.g. test, interview, questionnaire, observation, close reading, etc.
- Construct the instrumentation, e.g. written test, multiple choice test, semi-structured interview, participant observation, etc.



## # **collecting data (6)**

- You go to the field of the research, execute of the action, treatment (manipulation), observation
- Collect and manage the data



## # **analyzing the data (7)**

- You start analyzing the data, e.g. describing, statistical analysis, interpreting the statistical outputs (Qn)
- You transcribe, code, reduce, describe, interpret the data (QI)
- Drawing conclusion



## # **Reporting (8)**

- You write a report, e.g. thesis, dissertation
- You disseminate your findings in seminar or conference
- You publish the report, e.g. article in journal