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## Research Basics

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The research process deals with the ways and strategies used by researchers to understand the world around us. This is a guide to basic elements of scientific research.

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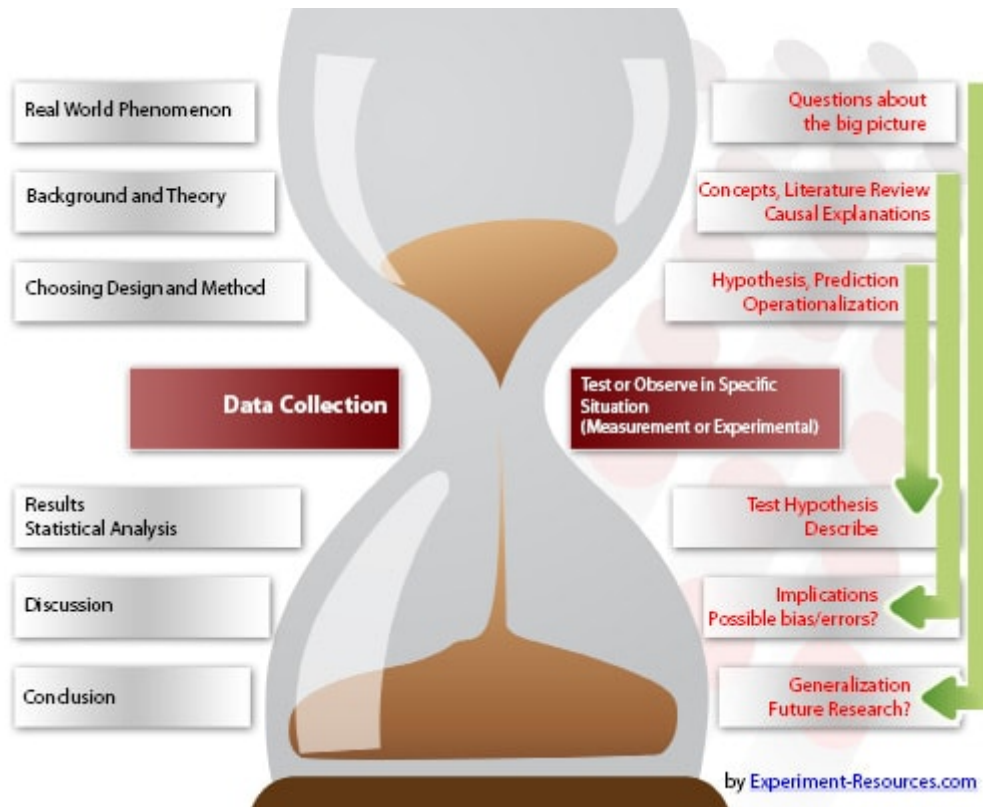
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## Steps

Steps of the Scientific Method [12] - The scientific method has a similar structure to an hourglass - starting from general questions, narrowing down to focus on one specific aspect [13], then designing research where we can observe and analyze this aspect.

At last, the hourglass widens and the researcher concludes [14] and generalizes [15] the findings to the real world.



## Aims of Research

The general aims of research <sup>[16]</sup> are:

- Observe <sup>[17]</sup> and Describe
- Predict <sup>[18]</sup>
- Determination of the Causes <sup>[19]</sup>
- Explain

Purpose of Research <sup>[20]</sup> - Why do we conduct research? Why is it necessary?

## Elements of Research

Common scientific research elements <sup>[21]</sup> are:

Characterization - How to understand a phenomenon

- Decide what to observe <sup>[22]</sup> about a phenomenon
- How to define the research problem <sup>[13]</sup>
- How to measure <sup>[23]</sup> the phenomenon

Hypothesis <sup>[24]</sup> and Theory <sup>[25]</sup>

- The research questions <sup>[13]</sup> before performing research
- Almost always based on previous research

## Prediction <sup>[18]</sup>

- What answers do we expect?
- Reasoning <sup>[26]</sup> and logic on why we expect these results

## Observation <sup>[17]</sup> or Experimentation <sup>[2]</sup>

- Testing characterizations, hypothesis <sup>[27]</sup>, theory and predictions
- Understanding a phenomenon better
- Drawing Conclusions <sup>[14]</sup>

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