

Chapter 3

Topic 2 Education: the research context

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Activity: Research

Characteristics of groups and settings in education

Learning objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify key features of education as a research setting including pupils, teachers, parents, classrooms and schools.
- Analyse how these features may affect the process of researching topics in education.

This Topic has identified five groups and settings in education: 1. pupils; 2. teachers; 3. classrooms; 4. schools; 5. parents.

1. In small groups, take one of these five (e.g. pupils). Go through the Topic, gathering information, and use it to make a poster that summarises the research characteristics of the group or setting. Add examples from your own experience where possible.
2. Use these posters whenever you are studying Methods in Context. You may want to take a copy of them for your own notes.