

Chapter 3
Topic 1 Choosing a research method
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Activity: Research
Perspective and choice of topic

Learning objectives

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

- Identify the link between theoretical perspective and research topic.
- Analyse reasons for choice of research topic in relation to theoretical perspective.

A number of factors will affect the sociologist's choice of research topic. One factor is their theoretical perspective. Complete the table below, identifying the relevant perspective and explaining why each perspective would choose to research the topic.

Research Topic	Theoretical perspective e.g. functionalism	Explanation
Teacher labelling and its effect on educational achievement		
Gender and subject choice in school		
The benefits of introducing voucher systems in education		
How school reproduces existing social class inequalities in society		
The benefits of the education system for individuals in selecting them for work roles		