

Chapter 3
Topic 5 Interviews
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Activity: Discussion
Age, ethnicity and interviewing

Learning objective

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

- Analyse the effect of the characteristics of the researcher and the participant on unstructured interviews.

Imagine you are going to carry out unstructured interviews with old people of different ethnicities who live in a retirement home. The subject of the interview is 'the world when you were young'.

1. In small groups, discuss the problems you may encounter conducting your research.
2. Summarise the problems and share them with the rest of the class.