

## Survey Question Assignment

One of the practices for survey research is to fill out a questionnaire, which is a document that asks questions in order to gain information for appropriate analysis. There should be open-ended questions in which the respondent is asked to provide their own answers and close-ended in which the respondent is asked to select an answer from a list of choices. Bias and negative questions should be avoided so respondents are not influenced how to answer. Interview surveys are another practice for research. A data collector will ask questions of a respondent. These interviews should avoid bias, and interviewers should probe the respondent in order to collect more clear, complete responses. Telephone surveys are a third example of survey research. One type is Random-Digit Dialing (RDD) in which random phone numbers are selected from within a range of active telephones. Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) is a survey in which a telephone survey questionnaire is stored in a computer, allowing the interviewer to read the questions from the computer and enter the answers back in. The final practice for survey research is Online Surveys. They are a convenient method of survey research and are offered on websites and software.

My research question asks if family fun time activities are a way for parents to get involved in their children's lives and if this will help develop stronger relationships between them. I also would like to know if parent involvement has educational benefits for children. My group is going to ask one close-ended question in which the respondent (parent) is asked to choose their race and another in which they're asked if the household is a single-parent household or not. These are our independent variables. To operationalize our dependent variable, we are asking how involved the parent felt with their family during our activity on a scale of 0-10, 0 being not at all and 10 being very involved.

These are good, well written questions because they meet the qualifications of the questionnaire guidelines. Our questions are clear, not double-barreled (this means that a

question asks about two different topics but only allows one answer), relevant, relatively short, and avoid negative/biased wording.