

Pilot studies

Pilot study	A pilot study is a small-scale trial run of a research design before doing the real thing it is in order to find out if certain aspects of the design do or don't work
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Reliability

Reliability	Reliability refers to how consistent the results are. If an experiment is highly reliable if it is repeated again the same results will be collected
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Validity

Internal validity	The extent to which the researcher measures what they intended to measure
Ecological validity	The extent to which the research findings can be generalised to other settings
Historical/temporal validity	The extent to which a research findings can be generalised to other time periods
Population validity	The extent to which a research findings can be generalised to other groups of people

Generalisability

Generalisability	The extent to which you can apply the findings of a particular study to other groups of people settings or to a different time period
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