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Trainer's top tips: SAGE Research Methods

Our Trainers have put together their top tips for using the **SAGE Research Methods** platform, an online database for anyone doing research or learning how to do research. To learn more about this database, [explore more of our training resources](#), and speak to your library staff who will be happy to help you!

Make sure you have full access to what you want to read

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Create a free profile to save searches, add resources to lists, and create video clips

By [creating a free profile](#) on the platform, you will be able to save searches, add resources to lists to refer to later, and create customised video clips.

Save a search: On the search results page, click the **Save search** button at the top of the screen. Give your search a title and click **Save**. Rerun the search quickly and easily from the **My Searches** tab in your profile area.

Save a resource to My Reading Lists: On the resource page, click the heart icon at the top of the page to **Add to list**. Choose the list you'd like to add the resource to or create a brand-new list. You can also click the heart icon to add to lists directly from your search results list. View, manage and share lists from the **My Lists** tab in your profile area.

Create video clips: On the video page, click on **Create Clip** underneath the video screen. Use the slide bars on the timeline to select the start and end times of your desired clip. Choose to **Save to my clips** (a list containing only your clips) or **Save to my list** (select the list you'd like to add your clip to or create a brand new list). Video clips are a great way of personalising your content to use in your own teaching or learning!

You can access **My Searches**, and **My Lists (and My Clips)** via **My Profile** at the top-right of the platform.

Use Research Tools to guide and support through every step of the research process

From any page within the database, look for the **Tools** dropdown at the top of the page and click this to select your **Research Tools**. Explore the **Methods Map**: learn how methods are related and find definitions of key terms. Use the **Project Planner** to guide you through your research project: click on the various stages on the left-hand side to find answers to questions you have about the stage of your research project.

Look out for unique content to enhance your teaching and learning

SAGE Research Methods contains different content types to support your varied teaching and learning aims. **Cases** are detailed records of how real research projects were conducted, showing the challenges and successes of doing research, written by the researchers themselves. **Datasets** can be used to support the teaching and independent learning of quantitative and qualitative analytical methods. **Video** is an engaging way of bringing research methods to life. Click on tiles on the homepage to explore the various formats or filter your search results by **Content Type**.