

Investigating Language

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INTRODUCTION:

- About 400 words
- Background and context of the investigation
- Should include your hypothesis or your key question

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METHODOLOGY:

- About 250 words
- Past tense
- Need to start early
- Observer's paradox
- Representative samples
- Transcription

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ETHICS:

- Part of the methodology
- Live speech
- Dealing with transcripts
- Written text
- Permission

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ANALYSIS:

- The bulk of the work
- About 1450 words
- A range of linguistic methods
- Sub-sections for clarity

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ANALYSIS CONTINUED:

- Range of possible methods
- Background reading
- Quantitative/qualitative
- Surveying, listing, classifying, tabulating

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CONCLUSION AND EVALUATION

- About 400 words
- Does not repeat the analysis
- Anomalies?
- Context?
- Reflection

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APPENDICES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Data
- Ethics
- Primary sources
- Secondary sources
- Websites

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APPENDICES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Crystal, D; *The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language*; Cambridge; CUP; 2003
- Academic referencing
- Presentation