

Writing your research objectives

Writing your objectives is a vital part of your dissertation proposal. Well written objectives can save you time, add clarity to your research question and ensure it is achievable. Take a look at this list of verbs for inspiration!

What do you want to achieve?	What verbs could you use?
Gain knowledge/ understanding	Identify Measure Determine Describe Compare Assess
Explore or test a theory	Measure Test Calculate Determine Investigate Discover Demonstrate Examine Explore
Analyse or connect existing data/ research/ theories	Examine Contrast Analyse Relate Compare Determine
Evaluate or compare results and data	Examine Explain Interpret Analyse Measure Differentiate Determine

This list is not exhaustive, but provide you with some inspiration to get started! For further help with phrasing why not take a look at the ['Academic Phrasebank'](#)?