

# 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

Analyse or connect existing data/ research/ theories

Examine, Contrast, Analyse, Relate, Compare, Determine

Evaluate or compare results and data

Explain, Analyse, Examine, Interpret, 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’](#)?