

Assignment: Practice Families Interview

Course Expectations:

A1. Exploring: explore topics related to families in Canada, and formulate questions to guide their research;

A2. Investigating: create research plans, and locate and select information relevant to their chosen topics, using appropriate social science research and inquiry methods;

A3. Processing Information: assess, record, analyse, and synthesize information gathered through research and inquiry;

A4. Communicating and Reflecting: communicate the results of their research

Task:

Create 3 to 4 interview questions and conduct an interview with three unrelated people. Then report your findings using appropriate social science formats.

This is a formal report and should not use personal pronouns such as I, me, my, mine. The purpose of this assignment is to practice the process of conducting research through interviews and writing reports. Your interviews should not be extensive and your report will likely be brief.

Process:

1. First identify some questions that establish who the respondent is – age, gender, his/her family role, etc. Then **compose a list of 3 to 4** interview questions about the respondent's family. These questions should draw on what you learned in Unit 1 – Families and Unit 2 - Individuals. Submit your questions for conferencing before conducting the interviews using the google form [U3 Interview Questions](#). They should be **open ended questions** that encourage the respondent to elaborate on their answers.

Sample Open Ended Question Formats:

- Tell me
- How would
- What is
- How will
- What is your
- Why are, do, is,
- How do, is
- What motivates
- What do you find, think, believe....
- What are you passionate about, interested in....
- What are your concerns with...
- How do you evaluate

- What challenges are...

2. **Interview three people** who are unrelated to one another.

- During the interview **take notes in point form** as they relate to each question. These rough notes will help create your formal Transcripts.

3. Using the notes from number 2 above **create a transcript of this interview**.

- Your transcript should have a title, the date of interview, and the name of the person being interviewed.
- Each question should be present, bold and numbered.
- Under each question transcribe the actual answer right below the question.
- Indent and italicize the answer to differentiate it from the question.

Analysis:

4. Analyze your findings by comparing the interview answers.

- Identify the similarities and the differences amongst your interviewees' responses.
- How do their responses compare with what you learned in unit 1?
- Then make a list of conclusions you can draw about the respondents' families.

Report:

5. Using your transcript and analysis notes compose your **RESULTS**.

- The first section of your results is the formal written **summaries of your transcripts** of the interviews. (Summarize all the answers from all the interviewees in paragraph form using Report Style writing-see the sample provided.).
- After that there should be **three sections** that follow called; **Similarities, Differences and Conclusions**.

6. Create an **Appendix Section** at the end of your assignment that includes the original copy of your Interview Questions and the point form notes you took.

Assignment Submission Format:

- Cover Page
- A RESULTS page with Transcript Summaries written in the third person followed by paragraphs called similarities, differences and conclusions.
- A divider page called APPENDIX
- Include a fresh copy of the original questions for the interview labelled Appendix 1.
- Follow Appendix 1 by the formal transcripts. Label them Appendix 2, Appendix 3, Appendix 4.
- Include your interview point form notes for all three interviews labelled Appendix 5 and so on.