

Language for research tools and procedures

Describing how and what was used

... **was used/utilised/employed** to gather data on

A number of **steps were followed** to...

Several **tests were run** to...

The questionnaire **was designed** following...

The interviews **were conducted/carried out** in...

The questionnaire **was delivered** online due to...

...**consisted/was comprised of**...

Describing the purpose of a procedure

To determine/assess/test/investigate whether ..., follow-up interviews were conducted.

In order to determine/assess/test/establish whether ..., placebo treatment was administered.

In an attempt to reduce/determine/assess/identify the risk factors, we used on-line questionnaires.

Follow-up interviews were conducted, **(in order/an attempt) to determine/ascertain/assess/test whether** ...,

To determine the cause/amount/number of ...,

In order to **assess the risk/impact/effectiveness of** ...,

To test the hypothesis/theory/effectiveness of ...,

In an attempt to **identify the patients/individuals/factors/trends** ...,

To establish the relationship/baseline/cause ...,

Describing the sequence of procedure steps: Followed by verb-ing

Prior to/Before using ..., we ...

After completing the questionnaire, the participants...

On/Upon completing the questionnaire, ...

When/While completing the questionnaire, the students were instructed to

Describing the sequence of procedure steps: Followed by a noun

Prior to/Before the second phase, the data was...

After the completion of the questionnaire, the participants...

On/Upon the completion of the questionnaire, ...

During the second phase of the experiment, ...

Describing the sequence of procedure steps: Followed by a sentence

Before the second phases began, the data was...

After/Once/When the questionnaire was complete, it was...

While/When the questionnaire was being completed, the participants...

Describing the sequence of procedure steps: Beginning of a sentence

First/Second/Third, the participants completed...

Firstly/Secondly/Thirdly, the participants completed...

Finally/Lastly, we analysed the data using...

Meanwhile/During this stage, the samples were...

Afterwards/Then, the samples were

Describing the sequence of procedure steps: Relative clauses

Follow-up interviews were used, **during which** the participants...

First, follow-up interviews were used, **after/before which** the participants