



THREE-STEP-EXERCISE

The Three-Step-Exercise can help you if you need to define your question or hypothesis by going through the questions below in the indicated order.

Part 1

1) State your topic. (What am I writing about?)

I am examining/ working on/ writing about...

2) Incorporate your questions. (What do I want to know?)

...because I want to understand/ find out/ get behind the idea ...

3) Define your goal (Why do I want to know that?)

...to understand/ determine/ investigate...

Part 2

1) Reformulate what you wrote for 3) by finishing the following sentence:

The goal of this paper is...

2) Reformulate what you wrote for 2) as a question.

3) Formulate a working hypothesis that answers the question above.

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