

# Second Language Research Methods (Oxford Applied Linguistics)

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**RESEARCH METHODS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS.** Zoltán Dörnyei.  
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Graduate students and other novice researchers making their first forays into applied linguistics research will be pleased to learn about this comprehensive and accessible introductory guide to research methodology. Drawing from an extensive research and publishing background, Dörnyei provides a comprehensive overview of the more generic aspects of SLA research. This book provides practical, hands-on coverage of the various procedural stages of quantitative and qualitative investigation, including strategies that combine the two approaches within what has been referred to in applied linguistics as the third research paradigm: mixed-methods research.

From the very first pages, the book's purpose is revealed in its emphasis on the practicality of no-nonsense, get-to-the-point research designed for the real world. With a straightforward, informal, yet professional writing style that avoids the more esoteric or technical approaches of other introductory textbooks, the author manages to sidestep the more abstract, polemic disputes sometimes found within applied linguistics. The volume thus begins by establishing what Dörnyei claims are the four essential attributes of the good researcher, followed by a wealth of useful procedural research knowledge, which informs without overwhelming.

In terms of content layout, the book is organized into five general parts. Part 1, "Key Issues in Research Methodology," offers a generous exploration of research-related issues. The author then discusses various research methodologies and techniques as well as various types of data analysis and presentation strategies. Although the book is comprehensive in its presentation of various methodologies, it follows several other leading introductory-level research methodology textbooks in its light treatment of one of the more practical concerns of novice researchers: how to design research questions within the specific context of a mixed-methods framework.

Part 2 discusses some of the characteristic features and challenges of data collection. Dörnyei provides a balanced treatment of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches and outlines the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. For the book's graduate student and teacher-researcher readership, chapter 8 discusses some problems in classroom-based action research and details the challenges of approaching any kind of research within such complex environments.

Part 3, "Data Analysis," deals with aspects of research that, in terms of concrete applications, perhaps have the most to offer novices. Beginning with a look at quantitative data analysis software applications, such as the statistical package for the social sciences (SPSS), key statistical concepts and applications are explored, followed by an equally in-depth treatment of qualitative content analysis. The book also offers an eclectic list of briefly annotated resources that cover a range of research approaches.

In chapter 10, the author makes an honest attempt to reconcile the divergent analytical approaches of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. Contrasting the formalized analytical procedures of quantitative research with

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