Research Skills: Data Collection: When Have You Done Enough?

Answer the following questions.

1. How do I know I've done enough surveys, interviews and focus groups?

2. How do you know if you have reached saturation?

3. How do you know if your technique for collecting data is valid and reliable?

4. What should you do next if you keep hearing new answers to the interview questions, survey questions or questionnaire?

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5. What should you do if you realize that your first guess for a sample wasn't big enough?

6. What are some ways that you can increase the sample size?

7. What does it mean if you are not hearing new answers?

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8. Can saturation levels change over time? Why or why not?

9. Give an example of a sample that is biased.

10. What is the danger of thinking you have reached saturation too early in your research?

11. If you realize that your sample is flawed do you have to throw out all of your research and start again? Why or why not?

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12. Tell 2 things you can do if you realize your sample is flawed.

13. What often happens when you answer one research question?

14. What should you do then?

15. Which one is better, doing too much research or too little? Explain your answer in several sentences.

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