



# The Method Section

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- ## The Basics
- “This is how I collected the data”
  - Most straight-forward and objective section in the paper
  - Concise, but enough details to be replicated by someone else
  - Three subsections
    - Participants
    - Materials
    - Procedure

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- ## \_\_\_\_\_ Subsection
- How many and how you obtained the sample
  - Percent of males and females
    - Any other demographic information that is relevant to your project (e.g., age)
  - Their incentive for participating

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\_\_\_\_\_ Subsection

- List all scales
  - In order of importance
  - Dependent variables and outcome variables listed last
- Include reference for borrowed scale
  - Ex. Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale (*RSES*; Rosenberg, 1965).
- Place items you created in an Appendix and refer to those items here
- Include reliability information (Cronbach's alpha) for each interval scale
- Explain materials used for experimental conditions (e.g., movie clip, music track, stopwatch, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Subsection

- Describe how you ran the study
- Must provide enough details for someone else to replicate
- Random assignment procedure for experiments
- Can merge with Participants subsection if you only used survey data
- Very similar to what you wrote for Assignment 7 (except you'll need to change phrasing to past tense)

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