

Short Research Project

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Quick Review

A short research project starts with a **QUESTION** about a topic. Then you **GATHER** facts from sources, **ORGANIZE** them, and **SHARE** what you learned. Keep track of where each fact came from.

PRACTICE

Choose or write the **BEST** answer for each item.

- Which is a **GOOD** research question for a short project on penguins?
 - Are penguins?
 - How do penguins stay warm in the cold?
 - Penguins.
 - Why is my brother loud?
- Which is a **TRUSTWORTHY** source for facts about penguins?
 - a comic strip about a penguin
 - a science book or nature website
 - a friend's guess at recess
 - a movie cartoon
- After you find a fact, what should you do?
 - Forget where you got it.
 - Write down the fact and the source.
 - Skip writing it down.
 - Use only one source for everything.
- Which is the **BEST** way to **ORGANIZE** facts during a short research project?
 - Write them on random pieces of paper.
 - Group facts by question or subtopic in a chart or notes.
 - Memorize them and don't write anything.
 - Read them once and move on.



5. Which source gives you the MOST RECENT information on something happening this year?
 - A. a very old encyclopedia from many years ago
 - B. a recent news article from a reliable site
 - C. a fairy tale
 - D. a math workbook
6. A friend tells you something “as a fact” but they aren't sure where it came from. You should —
 - A. use it without checking
 - B. check it against a reliable source
 - C. ignore the topic forever
 - D. tell everyone the friend was wrong
7. Which step comes LAST in a short research project?
 - A. choosing a question
 - B. gathering facts
 - C. sharing what you learned in your own words
 - D. deciding the topic
8. Why should you put facts in YOUR OWN WORDS when you share them?
 - A. to copy what the source says exactly
 - B. to show that you understand and to avoid copying
 - C. to make the project shorter only
 - D. so no one can read it
9. Which would be a STRONG opening for a short research report?
 - A. Penguins.
 - B. Did you know penguins have a special way to stay warm in icy weather?
 - C. I picked penguins because.
 - D. End of report.
10. Pick a topic you want to research. Write a clear RESEARCH QUESTION and name TWO sources you might use.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. B	A research question is open and focused. A is incomplete; C is just a topic; D is off-topic.
2. B	Science books and reputable websites are reliable. The others are entertainment or hearsay.
3. B	Tracking the source is part of good research. The others can lead to errors.
4. B	Charts/notes by subtopic keep research clear. The others lose information.
5. B	Current news for current events. Old books may be outdated; fiction is not a source.
6. B	Always verify. The others either trust too much or react too strongly.
7. C	Sharing comes last. The others come earlier.
8. B	Paraphrasing shows understanding and avoids copying. The others miss the point.
9. B	B is a hook that names the topic. A is just a word; C is incomplete; D is the end.
10.	Answer: Example: Topic — pandas. Question — “Why do pandas only eat bamboo?” Sources — a National Geographic book on pandas and the World Wildlife Fund website. Accept any reasonable topic + open-ended question + two appropriate sources.



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