

Chapter 6: Thematic Analysis

Essay Questions

1. Discuss the benefits and limitations of thematic analysis as a theoretically flexible methodology.
2. Discuss why thematic analysis should be thought of as 'theoretically flexible' rather than 'free from theory'.
3. Compare and contrast inductive and deductive forms of thematic analysis.
4. Discuss the role of the researcher within a thematic analysis study.
5. Discuss the form and type of knowledge a thematic analysis aims to produce.
6. Critically interrogate the assumptions a thematic analysis approach makes about the phenomenon under investigation.
7. Discuss why or why not thematic analysis might be considered a 'fully-fledged' research method.