

# What does an independent researcher look like?

From the statements on the next page, choose which best describe the activities and attributes of an independent researcher. Record them in the most logical spaces below.

Some of the statements **DO NOT** describe independent research at all - can you spot the statements that shouldn't be there?

Their thoughts and ideas:

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The way they approach the unknown:

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The way they work with others:

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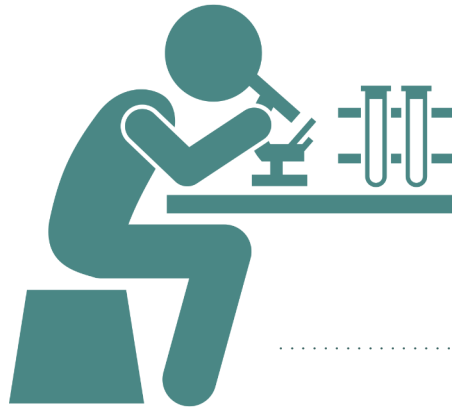
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How they feel about the end result:

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- Ask teachers until they get the right answer
- Are creative and tailor-made to the research needs
- A positive sense of ownership and responsibility
- Accept a reciprocal arrangement for helping others to collect their data too
- Read as much as possible and talk to experts to gain greater understanding
- Hard done by and a sense of injustice
- Give up and stick to what they know and understand
- Come straight from the web or student textbooks
- Are recorded as they go along in a research diary
- Are experimental and try new things
- Proud of their achievement as it came through their own hard work
- Lack conviction and are a little dull
- Use them to help in labour intensive tasks
- Bored with the pointlessness of the project
- Are prepared to admit what are weak areas of subject knowledge
- Lead from behind and delegate important tasks to others
- A source of useful discussion about ideas
- More prepared to take on further research of that kind
- Change but remain in the researcher's control
- Collaborate on the important decisions that need to be made