

Useful words and expressions for dissertations

Introductory statement

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of **beer** on **artists**.

The goals of this study are to determine ...

The primary purpose of this study is to determine ...

This study is specifically concerned with the effect of **late nights** on **starving designers**

This study is an initial attempt to investigate the relationship between **product design success** and **designers' alcoholic consumption**.

This study has two major purposes: (1) to investigate ... (2) to demonstrate ...

The aim of this study is to identify the characteristics of ...

The major objective of this study is to ...

The aim/topic/goal of the present paper is to ...

This thesis discusses/describes/analyses/studies/focuses on/deals with ...

This study/experiment/research/survey was aimed at developing/improving/testing ...

The project was designed to investigate **the drinking habits of ceramic artists and designers**

Methods & approaches

This study was conducted in **late-night bars and clubs in Limoges**.

The empirical part of this study was conducted in May 2014.

Data for this study/research was collected/gathered/obtained from/by/through/with the help of/among ...

Twenty designers served as subjects in a study of ...

Six groups, each consisting of ..., were formed to ...

Using local and national data, the study was designed to investigate.

This questionnaire investigated how artists view their ...

A questionnaire was distributed/mailed/sent to ...

Respondents filled in a form/indicated their preferences/rated each item.

Responses were made on a 5-point Likert scale ranging from ... to ...

The response rate was ...

All 59 subjects participated in the study.

Interviews were conducted by/with ...

The interviews were recorded **in bars after midnight**.

Conclusions

These results suggest that ...

The results show that/reveal ...

It was concluded that ...

This study/survey shows/supports/questions/implies/indicates ...

On the basis of the results of this research, it can be concluded that ...

The results provide some support for **giving artists more alcohol**

The results did not support the expectations that ...

Our data supported the view that designers **drink too much coffee**

Further vocabulary

Useful verbs: show, demonstrate, illustrate, prove, argue, examine, explore, look into, consider, deal with, address, involve, relate to, refer to, draw on, explain, investigate, highlight, outline, provide an overview of, define, distinguish between, indicate, support, reveal, suggest, conclude, recommend

Useful nouns: intention, purpose, aim, objective, thesis, argument, issue, assumptions, methods, premises, results, conclusions, outcome, recommendations

Connecting words: however, first, second, then, finally, thus, for example, furthermore, in addition, in conclusion, by contrast, nonetheless, consequently,