Some Criteria for Reading a Research Paper


1. What were the researchers trying to prove?

2. What was the basis or cause of their study?

3. Was there any theory behind their research?

4. Who did they do their research on?

5. Where were the participants from?

6. How did the researchers access the participants?

7. How many participants did they use?

8. Why did they use that number of participants?

9. Why did they not use more / less participants?

10. What did the participants actually have to do?

11. What did the researchers do with the data from the participants?

12. What did the researchers find?

13. What were the conclusions of the researchers?

14. Did the researchers make any recommendations?

15. Had the study been ethically approved?

16. Had the study been peer reviewed?