

Exercise walk-through

6.2

Issues in Medicine

GAC Academic English

Method — Key knowledge: relevance, transparency and outcome fit must be checked together

A source's **relevance** depends on the question you need to answer. A transparent method is useful, but it does not make every conclusion appropriate. Check the measured outcome, participants, comparison and limits. Keep a **source log** with accurate identification and locators. A **reference** in real research should allow retrieval in the required style; do not invent publication details. These original cards are explicitly fictional language practice, not clinical evidence or health advice.

Method — Source A: text or task brief

Writing question: Does the supplied evidence support investigating reminders to reduce missed appointments?

Original fictional card O, Observation, §1: One service recorded ten missed appointments out of fifty before reminders and six out of fifty after reminders. The groups came from different months, without random assignment. Appointment types and transport differences were not recorded. Recovery, safety and treatment quality were not measured.

Original fictional card A, Advertisement, §1: “Our reminder system improves care.” No measured outcome, participants, method or comparison is given.

Original fictional card R, Methods, §1: “Record attendance and relevant group differences consistently; specify the comparison and outcomes before evaluation.” This is planning guidance, not a completed trial.

For this local exercise, cite card labels and §1. Do not invent journal, author or date information.

Method — Source B: response or review record

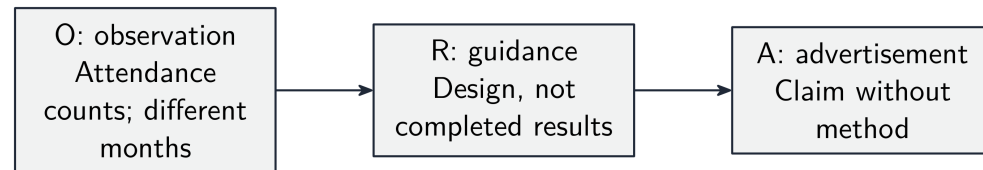
Source-selection draft: “A proves that reminders improve recovery. O confirms that four people were cured by R’s experiment. We can invent a journal title because a reference looks more academic that way.”

Review brief: select useful ideas for the attendance question, evaluate their limits and acknowledge each card accurately. Lack of a measured clinical outcome is not proof of no possible clinical benefit.

Method — Worked example: select the source for the claim rather than its headline

Known: O measures missed attendance in two different-month groups; R suggests how to plan measurement; A supplies a promotional assertion without method. Why choose O and R for this question? They address attendance and evaluation design, respectively.

O reports four fewer missed appointments among equal group sizes, not four cures. R did not conduct the observation. A may be discussed as a vendor claim, but cannot independently substantiate care improvement. The local labels give honest attribution without fabricated bibliography details.



The sources serve different purposes and must not exchange measured outcomes or authority.

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Observation O for attendance; Methods R for planning.

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A provides no recovery evidence; O records attendance rather than cures; R gives guidance and did not run an experiment.

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Any three, B1 each: different-month groups; no assigned comparison; transport/appointment types unknown; no clinical outcomes; A lacks method; R not a result; invented publication details are unacceptable.

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O attendance comparison; accurate O §1 attribution; explains different-month/noncausal limit; R comparison/consistent-measurement guidance; accurate R §1 attribution; explains its use for proposed evaluation rather than completed results.

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Local analytic rubric, $8 \times B1$: accurate ten/fifty and six/fifty attendance result; four-record difference without cure claim; comparison limits and no isolated effect; O §1 attribution; R §1 guidance distinguished from completed work; A §1 promotional claim evaluated appropriately; bounded investigation with honest fictional references rather than clinical advice; coherent truthful 120–150 word response. Example: “Observation O reports ten missed appointments out of fifty before reminders and six out of fifty afterwards, a difference of four missed records (O, §1). This finding is relevant to the attendance question, but different months, unrecorded transport and appointment types, and the lack of an assigned comparison prevent isolating a reminder effect. It does not measure recovery or treatment quality.

Methods R recommends specifying outcomes and comparison conditions and recording relevant differences consistently (R, §1). It can guide a proposed evaluation; it did not run O’s observation. Advertisement A supplies a care-improvement claim without a method, so it cannot substantiate that outcome (A, §1). Together, O and R support further attendance investigation rather than a clinical recommendation. These fictional card labels give the available source trail without fabricated journal details.”