

Exercise walk-through

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Meaning and researcher position: supported rehearsal

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An **emic account** describes participants' meanings; an **etic account** uses an analyst's categories. Start by distinguishing an observed action, a participant's statement and your interpretation.

Then test which account the evidence supports. Reflexivity asks how your access, language and expectations shape that evidence.

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