

RESEARCH OUTCOME

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED ASSESSMENT TYPE 1, YOUR NEXT TASK WILL BE ASSESSMENT TYPE 2, THE RESEARCH OUTCOME. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ALL OF THE KEY FINDINGS FROM YOUR RESEARCH AND TO SUBSTANTIATE EACH WITH EVIDENCE AND EXAMPLES FROM YOUR RESEARCH. AS YOU WORK THROUGH YOUR OUTCOME, YOU SHOULD SPEND TIME CONSIDERING WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED AND DISCOVERED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT, INCLUDING THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE DEVELOPED.

IN TERMS OF FORMAT, YOU COULD PRESENT YOUR OUTCOME IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Your key findings and substantiation together as a product, for example: an essay, report, multi-media presentation, documented experiment.

Or

- Your key findings and substantiation with elements of or reference to a separate product for example: supporting statements and annotated photographs of a product, that you created.

Or

- Your key findings presented as annotations on a product and substantiated by evidence and examples of your research, for example: a recorded dance performance with notes and a director's statement.

You could think about displaying your information in any of the following ways:

- essay
- report
- article
- booklet
- multi-media presentation
- display or exhibition
- artefact/product/object/work of art
- performance (live or recorded)
- combination of any of the above

Regardless of what form your outcome takes, it must be accompanied by or include substantiation. This is your evidence that what you are presenting is founded on valid and reliable information.

Sometimes when students write their outcome they fail to clearly explain what they have done and why. General statements like **"I talked to an expert and it was really useful"** fail to highlight what was actually helpful and how it contributed to your research.

To substantiate your information, you need to be specific and give examples to verify that the decision you've made or the knowledge you've gained is a result of the research you conducted.

CRUCIAL FACTORS FOR SUCCESS:

- Synthesis is not just a recount of all the research you did – your focus is on clearly presenting the key findings from your research
- Pull the threads of your research together to show your new-found knowledge and understanding in light of your research question
- Ensure your outcome is logically structured, fluently expressed, skilfully brought together with evidence and examples
- If you make a statement you should provide evidence to support it – this is substantiation
- Each of your key findings should be substantiated from several different processes and/or sources
- Use phrases like: "one of the key findings of the research was...", "Another key finding was..."
- You might like to use language such as: "From observing _____ it is evident that...", "Feedback I gained from _____ and _____ demonstrates that...", "From experimenting with _____ and comparing the results ..."

HAVE YOU:

- Carefully planned, edited and proofread your outcome
- Used a formal tone and logical structure
- Substantiated!
- Used a consistent system of referencing
- If you made a product – submitted a photo of it
- Clearly indicated the word count and/or time on your Outcome