

LESSON 2 - TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS

DEFINITION	DESC.	TYPE	GUIDELINES
Technical/Conceptual Definition	Explanation or desc. Used to explain a technical terminology or concept to someone who is unfamiliar with or has a little knowledge of it	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parenthetical definitions - synonym (alternative phrase). Enclosed in parenthesis or set off by commas 2. Sentence definitions - appear in glossary, within text, or in margin notes. Introduce the term, give its category, and cite its distinguishing features. 3. Extended definitions - terms explained in great detail. Few sentences to several pages long. Textbooks, encyclopedias, wiki sites 	Identify: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Category term belongs in - ex. Asperger's Syndrome as a disorder 2. Distinct parts & characteristics 3. functions 4. What it is not (when mistaken as something else)

<p>Operational Definition</p>	<p>Defines something in terms of a process it undergoes. Based on the observational characteristics —how it is measured as a variable Researcher Defined</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type A Operational Definition - stating the operations or actions that need to be performed to cause a phenomenon or state to occur 2. Type B Operational Definition - describing how a something operates 3. Type C Operational Definition - what a phenomenon or object looks like. characteristics 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the means of measuring the term based on the study you are conducting 2. Identify cause to the phenomenon or state 3. State how the thing works or phenomenon functions 4. Describe Obj. or phenomenon; static characteristics
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