

REVISIT AND RESPOND

- From this definition, what two critical aspects are required for a study to be considered research?

If you answered “a systematic investigation” and “generalizable knowledge,” you are correct. If we want to know what kind of food students prefer for the end of the semester picnic and survey their preferences, is that “research” according to the federal definition? No. We have no interest in generalizable knowledge. What if you wanted students to see how challenging a particular spatial cognition test is? You might give them sample problems to solve and then have them score their responses without handing in their tests. Is generalizable knowledge the goal of this in-class activity? No.