

Empirical Chapters

This is where you factually recount the findings of the study. Answer the questions below.

Once you're done, you'll have a synopsis for this chapter. Are there any question you're struggling with?

What are the results of your investigations?
How do the findings relate to previous studies?
Was there anything surprising or that didn't work out as planned?
Are there any themes or categories that emerge from the data?



Discussion Chapter

The discussion is where you relate your findings to the rest of the thesis, particularly the research aims and objectives, research questions, existing literature and existing/emerging theory. To sketch out a synopsis of this chapter, fill in the following questions. Which are you unable to answer?

How do the findings relate to the theory and methods discussed previously?
Why you have reached particular conclusions?
How do your findings relate to the gaps in the literature you identified earlier?
What implications do the findings have for the discipline and for existing understanding?
How do the findings relate to your research questions, aims and objectives?