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Here are seven questions you should be able to answer about the methods you have chosen for your research.

- ☐ **Does your method/do your methods fit the research question(s)?**
- ☐ **Do you understand how the methods relate to your methodological position?**
- ☐ **Do you know how to use the method(s)**
- ☐ **If not, can you learn how to use the method(s)?**
- ☐ **Do you have the resources you need to use the methods? For example:**
 - statistical software
 - qualitative data analysis software
 - an adequate computer
 - access to secondary data sets
 - audio-visual equipment
 - language training
 - transport

You need to work through this list and add anything else that you need.
- ☐ **If you are using multiple methods, do you know how you are going to combine them to carry out the research?**
- ☐ **If you are using multiple methods, do you know how you are going to combine the products of using them when writing up your research?**