

Module: Strategise Your Research: Summary

Contents:			
1	What is research?	<p>Research is an activity carried out to find an answer to a question or a solution to a problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has clearly specified objectives and goals. • It is structured, organised, systematic and well-planned. • Sometimes research is carried out individually or in a team. • Research is also a lifelong learning skill. <p>Research is NOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A catch word to impress your friends • "Copying" and "pasting" facts from different sources • Browsing for information 	
2	Examples of research activities:	<p>Research begins when you start to look for information on a subject that you may have read about or heard from friends or seen on TV. Opportunities for research are all around you.</p> <p>Research requires you to look for concrete facts and numerical data to support what you already know.</p> <p>Research can be a school project that you need to complete either on your own or in a group.</p>	
3	The 5-Step Research Process	• Define the project topic and problem statement	What do I want to find out or prove?
		• Identify the research objectives	Why am I doing this research?
		• Choose a research method	How will I gather the data?
		• Collect the data	
		• Analyse and Interpret the data	What does the data tell me?