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**Research**

Research involving the collection of data from inmates requires that I develop rapport with the respondents. To achieve this with county jail inmates to garner the richest, most meaningful data, I would first seek an introduction to them by the authorities, explaining to them that they have a visitor who wants to have some time with them for what I would explain myself before we start our engagement. After introducing me, I would let the prison-staff leave, allowing me to go straight to the introduction.

In my introduction, I would show respect to the inmates as I explain why I am there and the importance of the entire exercise. I would assure them about the confidentiality of the data that I will gather is a vital aspect when trying to gain the cooperation of prisoners. On this aspect, I will emphasize that no confidential information shall be shared by the prison administration or anyone else who may use it to victimize the respondents.

Moreover, I would also listen to them and encourage them to say a word when they feel like doing so, albeit in an organized manner. A chat that allows free conversation between inmates and I will help to free tensions, if any, within the inmates. Consequently, I will try to engage in a one-on-one chat with one of three inmates just to know how they are and their general welfare. Furthermore, as part of building the rapport, I would observe my body language to ensure that it shows friendliness and lack of fear. Friendly facial expressions are critical in appealing to an inmate’s imagination.