GAC028 Social Science III: Research Skills and Global Issues

GAC Social Science · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
global issue /ˈgləʊbl ˈɪʃuː/	Food waste is a **global issue**.
shared resource /ʃeəd rɪˈzɔːs/	A river is a **shared resource** for many towns.
externality /ekˈstɜːnælɪti/	Smoke affecting nearby households is a negative **externality**.
collective action problem /kəˈlektɪv ˈækʃn ˈprɒbləm/	A **collective action problem** happens when everyone waits for others to act.
Development /dɪˈveləpmənt/	**Development** continues all through life.
indicator /ˈɪndɪkeɪtə/	Bus access is one **indicator** of transport services.
Sustainable Development Goals /səˈsteɪnəbl dɪˈveləpmənt gəʊlz/	The **Sustainable Development Goals** aim to end poverty and protect the planet.
sanitation /ˌsænɪˈteɪʃn/	Clean water and **sanitation** lower the death rate.
irrigation /ˌɪrɪˈgeɪʃn/	**Irrigation** brings water to crops.
contamination /kənˌtæmɪˈneɪʃn/	Keep the fermenter clean to stop **contamination**.
interview /ˈɪntəvjuː/	The radio **interview** is with a young chef.
Mixed methods /mɪkst ˈmeθədz/	**Mixed methods** combine numbers and interviews.
Sampling /ˈsæmplɪŋ/	**Sampling** means choosing some people to study.

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participants	All **participants** agreed to take part in the survey.
convenience sample /kənˈviːnɪəns ˈsæmpl/	Asking only your friends gives a **convenience sample**.
pilot	Run a small **pilot** before the full study.
validity /væˈlɪdɪti/	A test has **validity** when it measures what it is intended to measure.
reliability /rɪˌlaɪəˈbɪlɪti/	Similar repeated test results indicate **reliability**.
Research ethics /rɪˈsɜːtʃˈeθɪks/	**Research ethics** means protecting people in your study.
consent /kənˈsent/	Ask for **consent** before you interview anyone.
respondent	Each **respondent** answered eight questions.
references /ˈrefrənsɪz/	List your sources in the **references** at the end of the report.
abstract /ˈæbstrækt/	The **abstract** sums up the study in a few lines.
intervention /ˌɪntəˈvenʃn/	The school's **intervention** limited phone use in class.
limitations /ˌlɪmɪˈteɪʃnz/	Every method has **limitations**: things it cannot do well.