

Solutions

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- Turning an abstract idea into something measurable.

2.2

- Who produced it and what relevant knowledge they have.

2.3

- The definition decides which people or cases are included.
- A different group counted produces a different total or rate.

3.1

- Unemployment is an abstract idea that needs a definition.
- The measure may include or exclude particular job-seekers.
- This changes what the rate actually describes.
- The researcher can judge whether it answers their question only after checking this.

3.2

- The report may be recent, which supports currency.
- The company's financial interest creates a possible bias.
- Check the method, definitions, and evidence as well as the conclusion.
- Compare it with independent sources before relying on it.