

What is a problem Statement

A problem statement is the description of an issue currently existing that needs to be addressed. It provides the context for the research study and supports the research questions which the research aims to answer. The statement of the problem is the focal point of any research.

Key Components of the Problem Statement

1. The problem itself, stated clearly and with enough contextual detail to establish why it is important.
2. The method of solving the problem, often stated as a claim or working thesis
3. The purpose, statement of objective and scope of the project being proposed

Criteria for Research Problems Statements

1. The statement of the problem should clearly indicate what is to be investigated
2. Statement should indicate the variables of interest and the specific relationship between the variables that are to be studied

A good problem statement originates from a research question formulated out of observation of the reality.