

Research sources

Example 1

Topic – how will rising energy prices affect the UK economy?

Research Sources

Source 1: Why are gas bills so high and what's the energy price cap?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-58090533#:~:text=Why%20have%20gas%20prices%20gone,difficult%20to%20generate%20and%20energy>

I have chosen this article because it focuses specifically on rising energy prices in the UK. This article was published in February 2022 so it provides relevant and up to date information. This article was published by the BBC which is a very reliable and unbiased source.

Source 2 Energy bills: 'Trapped in a home I couldn't afford to heat'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-60326208>

This article was chosen because it explores the real world consequences of rising energy prices on individuals; it also informs on possible methods that could be used to tackle the rise in energy prices. This article was written by the BBC which has an excellent reputation of being impartial and factual.

Source 3 'Surging energy prices keep me awake at night': Entrepreneurs reveal how soaring costs could have 'disastrous consequences'

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/bills/article-10375655/Business-energy-costs-worried-surging-prices.html>

I picked this source because it investigates the effects of rising energy prices on businesses in the UK. However this article was written by a business which is under the same ownership as Daily Mail which is seen as biased. It is also not very concise as it is quite a lengthy article.

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Source 3:

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/bills/article-10375655/Business-energy-costs-worried-surging-prices.html#comments>

Example 2

Topic – what has been the impact of the changing house prices in London?

Research sources:

source 1:

The source explains information about how price growth for the value of properties has risen, London's housing demands have managed to outpace the rest of the UK and how London's affordability for properties will become challenged if rates rise. This source is effective as it has up to date information as it was published on January the 11th 2022. It's also accurate as it contains evidence, facts and statistics to help back up all of the information shown on the website.

source 2:

This source is about the latest housing price index, the average property values found in London, the annual price growths and how London's housing prices are consistently outpaced by regional markets. This source is cost-effective meaning it's free. It also contains accurate and precise information about each point that is made in the article.

source 3:

This source provides information about London's most recent trend and patterns in their housing markets. It covers housing prices, sales, new supply and rent. This source of research has appropriate information as it was written by an experienced reporter who is able to find the correct information on all the listed topics.

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source 1:

<https://www.investorchronicle.co.uk/news/2022/01/11/london-house-price-growth-prospects-look-shaky/>

source 2:

<https://www.theweek.co.uk/london-house-prices>

source 3:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/housing/housing-market-report/>

Example 3

Topic – the impact of obesity on the UK economy

Gov.uk - Obesity

I chose to use the Gov.uk¹ website on obesity because it talks about the scale of the obesity problem and how to improve everyone's access to healthier food choices. This source is valuable to me because it contains lots of factual information and is supported by appropriate evidence. Another reason as to why

¹ (Obesity and the food environment - Gov.uk, 2017)

it's valuable is that this site is not biased because it is a government site and so they cannot be biased.

Obesity Health Alliance - Costs of Obesity

I decided to use the Obesity Health alliance² study because it explains the cost of obesity to the NHS and it also talks about how obesity can be countered. The source is valuable to me because it is available meaning the information already exists and I can use it without doing the research myself which saves me time.

Kings Fund-Obesity

I decided to use the King's Fund³ study on Obesity because it describes, in detail, the causes of obesity and the impact of obesity on health. This source is valuable because it is appropriate and links to information on the topic of obesity which means it is relevant. Another reason why this source is valuable is that it is accurate and the findings have been confirmed.

² (The Costs Of Obesity - Obesity Health Alliance, 2017)

³ (Tackling Obesity - Kings Fund, 2021)

Excerpt of appendix

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Example 4

Topic – impact of covid-19 on firms in the UK economy

Research Sources

Source 1 - Impact of Covid-19 on UK Businesses³

I chose to use this website because it gives logical information on the sales rates for firms in the UK before and after the pandemic. This source is valuable as it contains factual information backed up by evidence such as graphs and statistics. The website is also up to date as it was published on the 17th December, 2020.

Source 2 - Employment in the UK⁴

I chose this source because it gives insight into the UK's employment rate before and after the global pandemic as well as giving a comparison. This website is accurate as it's from the UK's 'National Statistics' website meaning it was written by various professionals. It is also unbiased as the source works with the government meaning they aren't allowed to lie to the public or give misleading information.

¹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/business/activitysizeandlocation/bulletins/businessdemographyquarterlyexperimentalstatisticsuk/julytoseptember2021>

² <https://ourworldindata.org/explorers/coronavirus-data-explorer>

³ <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/agents-summary/2020/2020-q4/impact-of-covid-19-on-uk-businesses-evidence-from-the-decision-maker-panel-in-2020-q4>

⁴ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/employmentintheuk/latest>

Source 3 - Has COVID pandemic made UK investors more risk-averse?⁵

I used this source because it allowed me to gather information on UK business investments throughout Covid-19. It is appropriate because it links to the topic of Covid-19 impacts on firms and is relevant. The information is available to everyone meaning I didn't have to calculate these statistics myself which saved time.

⁵ https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/investors-brexit-coronavirus-uk-economy-financial-markets-investments-property-assets-113417792.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly91ay5zZWZlY2gueWFob28uY29tL3NlYXJjaDtfwX0PUF3cklkVnRQXAXaFNHMEFmUTRNMzRsUTtfeWx1PVkyOXNid05wY2pJRWNHOXpBekVFZG5ScFpBTUVjMlZqQTNCaFoybHVZWFJwYj10LT9wPWJ1c2luZXNzK2ludmVzdG1lbnRzK2R1cmIuZyt0aGUrcGFuZGVtaWMrdWsmcHo9NyZ0eXBPUUyMTFHQjg4NUcwJmZyPW1jYWZlZSziPTE1JnB6PTcmeGFyZ3M9MA&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALiH6IsEI76yADUEZz3Ib9Vu2BSnH-vE-nfrNB0PVkiGJmi2pQ_letc11taSxQAD2s_wS_k4oglgB1n4KNHzJNreHQq0uZegpfwenMWRnK1gvZOCM7GHRiusj3AwlsnjuVgm8qQZfMqi3G_N-PSeyA3bjW04eQW0Blape3SFqR5b

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