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Preparation

The paper template
How to choose a topic I

*The Process and how to engage it*

1. Define a domain by language, discipline, reading topic. That is, it needs to be a topic that we’ve read about, but loosely (for example, anything in classifiers). You need to look at it in a particular language. And you can choose to look at it from an anthropological, linguistic, or psychological perspective.

2. Choose a phenomenon that occurs naturally in that domain.

3. Focus on that phenomenon. Naturally occurring data is of course of the greatest interest, but you can write about a language/phenomenon you don’t know well and use second hand data.
4. Everyone should get their chosen topic approved by me by the **paper approval deadline** given on the course outline about their topic.
Unless explicitly marked as optional, each of the following sections is required.

1. Statement of problem/phenomenon (with examples)
2. Literature review (background + lit most directly addressing problem)
3. Methods (optional if using second-hand data)
   3.1 Data collection
   3.2 Framework
4. Results and Discussion
5. Complete bibliography
1. State the problem, formulated as a problem in a particular discipline, and describe the data you will use.

2. State a hypothesis. A specific instance of this: state a hypothesis/theory in the literature that you will call into question/disprove.

3. Include any relevant references from our readings, optional readings

4. Include any relevant references you may have found, but your bibliography for the proposal does not need to be complete.