

Research Vocabulary Terms

The definition is supplied. Write the correct term to create a vocabulary study sheet.

Vocabulary Term	Definition
1.	Organized, searchable information found on a computer.
2.	Use of computers to gather information and analyze data.
3.	Factual, unbiased, well-sourced information based on reliable research, produced by qualified authors, has this.
4.	This is the opportunity to witness events as they occur with your own eyes, noting the environment and demeanor of sources as well as what is happening.
5.	Factual information used in a story. Usually refers to numerical information gathered through database research, but it may also refer to the results of polls or surveys, or other lists of facts.
6.	Public records, letters, and related articles to a story topic are examples.
7.	Used in journalism to develop story background, understand a topic, determine sources, and learn about sources prior to interviewing.
8.	Interview format where the source is simultaneously interviewed by a group or pool of reporters.
9.	This is the use of a group of people to gain information, usually through the Internet or social media.
10.	A survey of a sample population to create data based on trends or public opinion.
11.	A group of sources connected to a topic come together to present and answer

	questions from an audience.
12.	Sharing of information by reporters of different news agencies and involved citizens to help cover a story topic.
13.	Information that is based on primary research by qualified, unbiased researchers is considered to have this.
14.	Official documents available for public use. These are free from confidentiality agreements.
15.	Written account of a spoken event, such as a press conference, interview, or speech.
16.	Original, first-hand material; sources or documents that reflect first-hand experience.
17.	Laws allowing access to official government records and documents at local, state and federal levels. Laws differ by region and state.
18.	Regulations requiring openness and advance notice in government proceedings.
19	This is a method of gathering information based on a sample population, usually with open-ended questions.
20.	Information is passed down to source before given to reporter or information that is reported in another publication.

Answer Key:

1. database
2. computer-assisted reporting
3. validity
4. observation
5. data
6. documents
7. research
8. press conference
9. crowd sourcing
10. poll
11. panel discussion
12. open source reporting
13. reliability
14. public records
15. transcript
16. primary source
17. open records laws
18. sunshine laws
19. survey
20. secondary source