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# PSYC520/PSYC720 Report FAQ

## What goes in an appendix?

See [report template](https://dle.plymouth.ac.uk/mod/resource/view.php?id=879404) - “If your protocol or revised protocol included an appendix, also include it here”. So, your report appendix is made up just of the appendices of your protocols, and nothing more.

## Should we put all of our stimuli in an appendix?

See answer to the above question. However, if your materials are very extensive and difficult to include in a reasonable amount of space (e.g. a hundred faces), then it is better to include a representative selection of your stimuli, and say where the full set may be found (i.e. on Psyc:EL “Experiment script 1”. **Important Note:** Having an appendix does not mean you can neglect the materials section of your report. If you used words you should give some examples in the materials section, if you used pictures then again you should show an example in this section. For famous faces see the next question.

## We used famous faces in our experiment. Should we include examples of these famous faces in the report?

In papers we rarely insert pictures of famous individuals due to copyright reasons and so your report would not show images of any famous people (unless you hold the copyright itself). This raises the question of how do you demonstrate how the stimuli looked to your participants? The answer is to use an unfamiliar face that you can use (e.g. you or one of your group members). The materials section is only designed to give an indication to the reader as to how the stimuli appeared.

## We used a database provided by the School. What are the references for these databases?

The references are given below:

### Ekman faces

Ekman, P. & Friesen, W.V. (1976). Pictures of facial affect. Palo Alto, California:Consulting Psychologists Press.

### The Texas Database (Human Database)

O'Toole, A. J., Harms, J., Snow, S. L., Hurst, D. R., Pappas, M. R., Ayyad, J. H., & Abdi, H. (2005). A video database of moving faces and people. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, *27*, 812-816.

### The NimStim Database

Tottenham N., Tanaka J.W., Leon A.C., McCarry T., Nurse M., Hare T.A., Marcus D.J., Westerlund A., Casey B.J., & Nelson C. (2009). The NimStim set of facial expressions: judgments from untrained research participants. *Psychiatry Research*, *168,* 242 - 249

### The Stirling Database

PICS (n.d.) *Psychological Image Collections at Stirling (PICS)*, University of Stirling, http://pics.psych.stir.ac.uk

## Shouldn’t a reader be able to replicate the study completely from a report? (Follow up question from the previous question).

A reader should be able to fully replicate a study from the full set of materials that the authors have made available; a report, on its own, is seldom sufficient to allow an exact replication. For published studies, authors make their full materials (e.g. stimuli, raw data, experiment scripts) available in a public online repository (e.g. osf.io). In the case of this report, your full materials should be available to your readers (the markers) on Psyc:EL.

## Should we cite R and its packages?

Yes, see [example report](https://ajwills72.github.io/rmip/eg-student/report-eg-covid.pdf). Thankfully R and its packages will tell you what the citation is. All you have to do is type the following into the R console window:

citation()

to get the citation for R itself and

citation(“package\_name”)

to get the citation of a package you used. The output may need minor editing to comply with APA reference style.

## What packages did we use? (Follow on from the previous question)

The packages a script uses are loaded using the library() command. So have a look at your analysis script and all the library commands you have will indicate the packages you used.

## Should we cite OpenSesame?

Yes. You can find the citation on the website for this program: <http://osdoc.cogsci.nl/> The citation is near the bottom of the page.

## Should the axes on graphs be labelled?

Yes, see [example report](https://ajwills72.github.io/rmip/eg-student/report-eg-covid.pdf).

## Where can I find information on APA referencing?

The library has a guide on APA referencing here: <http://plymouth.libguides.com/c.php?g=589337&p=4259934>

## Can I include additional analyses in my report?

The required analyses are those shown in the Results section of [example report](https://ajwills72.github.io/rmip/eg-student/report-eg-covid.pdf). If you wish to include additional analyses in your report, beyond those that are required, you may do so. If these additional analyses are correct and relevant, including them may increase your mark. If the additional analyses are incorrect or irrelevant, this will decrease your mark.