

KAQF (a variant of KNF)

The first phase of the Action Research cycle is evaluate the effects of past actions and inquire more broadly so as to fill in relevant background. The KAQF framework helps you organize your thinking and research with an eye on what you might do/propose/plan on the basis of the results.

On a blank row of the chart enter either a Knowledge claim, a proposed Action, or a Question for inquiry you wish to consider. Then fill in the rest of the KAQF on that row. E.g., if you entered a proposed Action, then write down what knowledge claim(s) this Action is based on. Then move forward to identify Questions for Inquiry that follow and how you would Find out the answer to the Question.

Use the additional questions in parentheses and another person as your sounding board to check your thinking. E.g., is the research you are formulating related to the problem(s) behind your Action Research, including developing a constituency to act on any findings or proposals you come up with? If the connection isn't clear, go back and revise.

Keep adding KAQF rows as additional Knowledge claims, Action proposals, or Questions for inquiry occur to you and emerge from checking your thinking on the previous rows.

After you have many KAQF rows, prioritize the research you need to do (F) and start it—or plan how you would do it.

What do we K now? (Q: How do you Know that? — What's the evidence, assumptions, and reasoning?)	A ction: What could people do on the basis of this knowledge? (Q: Which people or group?)	Q uestions for Inquiry: What more do we Need to know—in order to clarify what people could do <i>or</i> to revise/refine the knowledge	H ow to Find this out? (Q: Will your method of research best enable you to Find this out?)
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