

CHAPTER 2: CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Can research on the causes of psychopathology provide a basis for the classification of psychopathology?
- How can psychopathology research contribute to an understanding of comorbidity?
- Can psychopathology research provide an insight into the way in which different diagnostic disorders are related?
- Are there stable underlying characteristics or traits that exist in everyone and that can be measured by psychological tests?
- Should all specific trait inventories include items that measure the faking of answers?
- Is it acceptable from a theoretical perspective for a researcher to create an inventory to measure a hypothetical construct that they themselves have developed?
- Can research help to improve the reliability of projective tests?
- Can psychological research help to define whether the hypothetical construct of 'intelligence' actually exists?
- Can smartphone apps be developed that provide reliable and valid self-observation data?