## Exercise 3.1 Thinking about your audience

Use the following Review Choice Decision Tool worksheet (see Table 3.2) to plan where your review is located. Discuss your choice with your team or supervisor.

**Table 3.2** Strategies for conducting an evidence synthesis

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| **Which type of data have I got?** | | | | | | | |
| **Quantitative** | | **Qualitative** | | | **Quantitative and qualitative** | | |
| **Are outcomes reported in a comparable format?** | | **Is the review objective validation or generation of a theory?** | | | **Is the review objective validation or generation of a theory?** | | |
| **No** | **Yes** | **Generation** | **Validation** | **No/Not sure** | **Generation** | **Validation** | **No/Not sure** |
| Use narrative synthesis and tabular presentation | Consider using meta-analysis | Consider meta-ethnography or grounded theory approaches | Consider framework synthesis | Consider narrative synthesis or thematic synthesis | Consider critical interpretive synthesis, meta-narrative/ logic models | Consider realist synthesis/Bayesian meta-synthesis | Consider narrative synthesis/thematic synthesis |
| My Review (Mark with X) | | | | | | | |
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