Apply

# Exercise 12.1

In this chapter I have suggested two ways to justify the number of interviews you conduct:

 Using a purposive sample

 Discovering that your findings are saturated, i.e., that you keep discovering the same phenomenon

How can you use these arguments or others to justify the number of interviews you conducted?

# Exercise 12.2

Assume that you are studying a single case. On what basis do you think you might generalize from your findings? Distinguish your possible empirical contribution from any potential development of concepts.

# Exercise 12.3

Imagine that you have the resources to study four cases of the phenomenon in which you are interested. Following my discussion of Stake (Table 12.3), draw up a typology to indicate the universe of cases potentially available. This typology should include between six and 12 possible cases.

Now explain why you propose to select your four cases in terms of the logic of purposive sampling.

# Exercise 12.4

Using conversation analysis, Harvey Sacks has argued: ‘tap into whomsoever, wheresoever and we get much the same things’ (1984b: 22). Consider how far your own theoretical model might allow you to use Sacks’s argument to justify working with a very small dataset.