

Assume Nothing with Consumer Research

Module 3

"Actual" Data Analysis



Unleashing the consumer insights

Reporting on consumer research can be a meaningful and fun task when approached with the right mindset and a clear guide to follow.

Here are some tips to make the reporting process enjoyable and productive:



Data cleaning

Where we remove certain responses if we've determined that they're invalid. Yes, this means going through each response one by one. Once done, you can proceed with analysis.



Executive summary

Give the short and simple answers to all your research objectives (that's all upper management really needs to know).



Recommended next steps

Each item included in the executive summary should have the beginnings of a plan of what to do next.



Polish your data for crystal-clear insights



Removing low-quality open-ended responses

Respondents can sometimes leave gibberish in response to open-ended questions, and sometimes the responses given don't answer the question being asked. For example, if your question was "What do you do in your free time?" and the response was "Yes", while it isn't gibberish, it certainly hasn't answered your question.

Removing straight-liner responses

When you have a series of similar questions, or a grid question, respondents who are not responding to the survey properly may have selected the same response for many questions in a row. For example, if a person has selected that they strongly agree to more than eight statements, one after the other, this seems unlikely.

Married with children but don't have any kid?

Removing responses that fail a "logic check"

When respondents give contradicting responses in a survey, this indicates they may not have read through and understood the questions shown. For example, if a respondent selects "Married with children" in a question asking about their marital status, and then in a follow up question asking how many children they have they select "I don't have any children", this fails the "logic check".

Ensure your sample represents target population

Purchasing responses from survey companies

If you specified census or custom balancing upfront when purchasing the responses, representation probably isn't an issue as the major demographic buckets like age and gender will have the distribution you ordered.

Sending survey to your own contacts

If you sent your survey to your own database via email or social media, it's possible your data isn't balanced. Check your sample's demographic breakdown compared to the population you're interested in.

- If they're similar, you're good to go.
- If they don't match, you might consider weighting your results, or removing some responses to adjust and balance the data.



From research to result, from analysis to action

With the help of these guidelines, coming up with recommendations based on consumer insights is a straightforward process that can help drive business success.

Research objective & Hypotheses

Questionnaire design

Data analysis

Way forward

What is the research objective?

Which survey questions answers this?

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What's the action item on this? (For recommended next steps)



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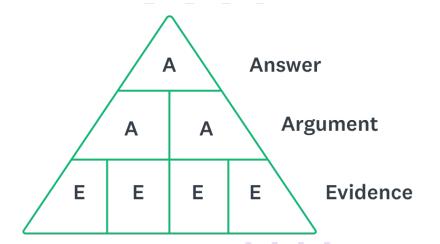
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Single-answer question	Multiple-choice question	Rating scale question	Ranking question	Open-ended question
What is the most important factor you consider when selecting a personal care product brand?	Which of the following factors do you consider when selecting a personal care product brand? (Select all that apply)	How important are the following factors when selecting a personal care product brand? (Rate each factor on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 = Not important at all, and 5 = Extremely important)	Rank the following factors in order of importance when selecting a personal care product brand, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.	What factors do you consider when selecting a personal care product brand?
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Using SCQA method to present insights

Defining problem

- S Situation
- C Complication
- Q Question



Situation: where the business is today, what the knowns are, and any other relevant context.

Complication: the business problem that needs solving - why you set out to do market research.

Question: the specific questions that needed answering with your research, and your approach to answering them.

Answer: the main insights coming out of your market research that answer your business questions, and how they point to action to solve your complication.



Example 1

Situation

Sales has decreased for Brand A over the last quarter.

Complication

Sales has decreased because fewer people are purchasing Product X than usual.

Question

What will make consumers start buying Product X again?

Answer

Brand A's competitor has launched a similar product with more features than Product X. Product X needs to be revamped with additional features to make consumers start buying it again.

Evidence

66% of consumers who have purchased Product X before say that they will start purchasing it again if it had additional features.



Example 2

Situation

Brand A is thinking of expanding into the Chinese market.

Complication

Brand A doesn't know if their product, which appeals to the Malay market, will appeal to the Chinese market.

Question

Does Brand A's product appeal to the Chinese market, and is this segment large enough to justify the cost and effort of going into the Chinese market.

Answer

Brand A's product does appeal to a large segment of the Chinese market, and the move into the Chinese market is justified.

Evidence

53% of Chinese consumers say the product appeals to them, and they would purchase it if it was available to them.



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Research objective

What is the research objective?

Is there a change in the number of products consumers use? **Hypothesis:** Fewer products used.

Questionnaire design

Which survey questions answers this?

Since the start of the pandemic, I use [more/same/less] amount of personal care products.

Data analysis

What's the simple answer to this? (For the exec summary)

A significant majority of respondents reported **using less personal care products** since the pandemic started.

Way forward

What's the action item on this? (For recommended next steps)

Develop marketing campaigns that highlight the value for money of her brand's products, especially during the pandemic when consumers are more price-sensitive.



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How do consumers choose a skincare or personal care brand? What affects their decision?

Hypothesis: Value for money is important

Questionnaire design

Which survey questions answers this?

Since the start of the pandemic, I use [more/same/less] amount of personal care products.

Which of these factors are important to you when you decide which personal care brands or products to buy?

Data analysis

What's the simple answer to this? (For the exec summary)

A significant majority of respondents reported using less personal care products since the pandemic started.

The pandemic has increased price sensitivity among consumers, with many seeking value for money when selecting personal care product brands.

Way forward

What's the action item on this? (For recommended next steps)

Develop marketing campaigns that highlight the value for money of her brand's products, especially during the pandemic when consumers are more price-sensitive.

Introduce promotional offers and discounts to incentivize customers to continue using her brand's products and potentially attract new customers.



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Hypotheses

What are the assumptions the brand has made that can be proved/disproved using this study?

Women over 40 are more likely to want personal care products that advertise anti-aging claims.

Questionnaire design

Which survey questions answers this?

Which of the following facial skin issues are you currently experiencing?

Which of the following claims are important to you when buying facial skincare products?

Data analysis

What's the simple answer to this? (For the exec summary)

Women over 40 are more likely to want personal care products that advertise anti-aging claims, as well as hydrating.

Way forward

What's the action item on this? (For recommended next steps)

Develop and market products that focus on anti-aging and hydrating, if she'd like to attract those customers who are over 40.



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Questionnaire design

Which survey questions answers this?

Which of the following facial skin issues are you currently experiencing?

Which of the following claims are important to you when buying facial skincare products?

Which of the following platforms influence your [product category] buying decisions?

Data analysis

What's the simple answer to this? (For the exec summary)

Women over 40 are more likely to want personal care products that advertise **anti-aging claims**, as well as **hydrating**.

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Way forward

What's the action item on this? (For recommended next steps)

Develop and market products that focus on anti-aging and hydrating, if she'd like to attract those customers who are over 40.

Focus on building a strong online presence for her brand, especially on social media and e-commerce websites, to increase brand visibility and attract new customers.



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Try doing it yourself!

Refer to the table you came up with for the "Research Objectives" exercise and the <u>dashboard</u> (access code is "vase") of the survey, fill in the "Data analysis" and "Way forward" section we just discussed.



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Unifying multiple sections into a seamless story

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Since the first thing you did was your executive summary, just build your report accordingly, e.g., section 1 shows the question-by-question data that led to item 1 in the executive summary, section 2 shows the question-by-question data that led to item 2, etc. Each section should lead to the conclusion stated in the executive summary.

This is where linking which survey questions directly answers each item in your research objectives comes in handy.

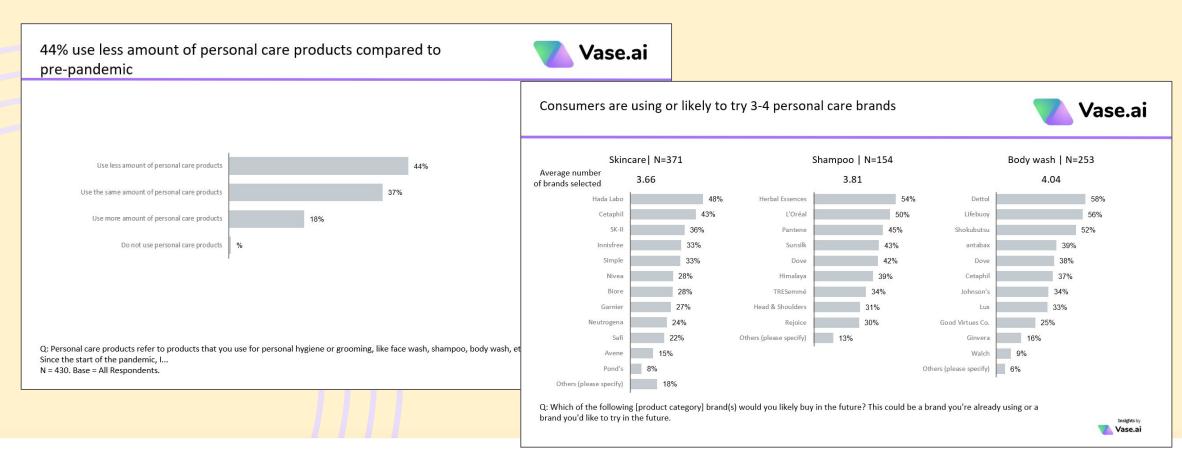


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Executive Summary:

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See the bigger "picture" from consumer insights

Visualisation plays a vital role in consumer research by transforming complex and often voluminous data sets into visually appealing and easy-to-understand formats.

By presenting research findings in this way, businesses can gain a better understanding of consumer insights.

Let's pick the right graph for your insights.

Pie chart or donut chart • Multiple choice questions with no more than three answer options

- · Compares parts of a whole
- Response percentages add up to 100%



Stacked bar graph

- · Matrix questions
- Shows comparisons between subsets of your data



Vertical or horizontal bar graph

- · Any closed-ended questions
- Includes lots of answer options
- Shows comparisons between subsets of your data



Line graph

- Any closed-ended questions
- Visualizes trends and comparisons over time



Small details to enhance your report



Other than picking the right charts, having these few things in the charts you're presenting would help your audience to better understand the insights.

- 1. Chart title, or survey question text
- 2. Axis labels, or answer option text
- 3. Data labels, as either values or percentages
- 4. Sample size
- 5. Dates where applicable, especially for trend charts

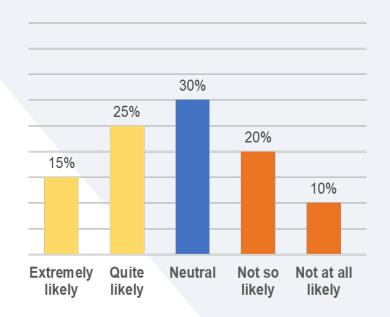
Bucketing data points by category

Here are a few examples on consolidating data:

1. Summarizing Likert scale question results with Top / Bottom 2 Box Scores

This could makes it easier to

- Report overall sentiment on a question
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- Monitor trends





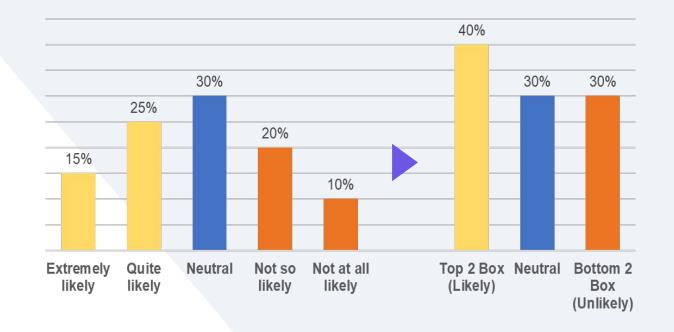
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Here are a few examples on consolidating data:

2. Summarizing time periods

When was the last time you purchased product A?

- In the past week
- 2-4 weeks ago
- 2-3 months ago
- 4-6 months ago
- 7-12 months ago
- 1-2 years ago
- Over 2 years ago

To simplify the analysis, we can bucket the time periods to the following:

- In the past 3 months
- 4-12 months ago
- Over a year ago

Do ensure the total equals to 100%.



Bucketing data points by category

Here are a few examples on consolidating data:

3. Grouping results by customer segment

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States where they live

When did they start using Product A

Which product they have purchased from Brand A

The result organised by category:

Region where they live (Northern, Central, etc.)

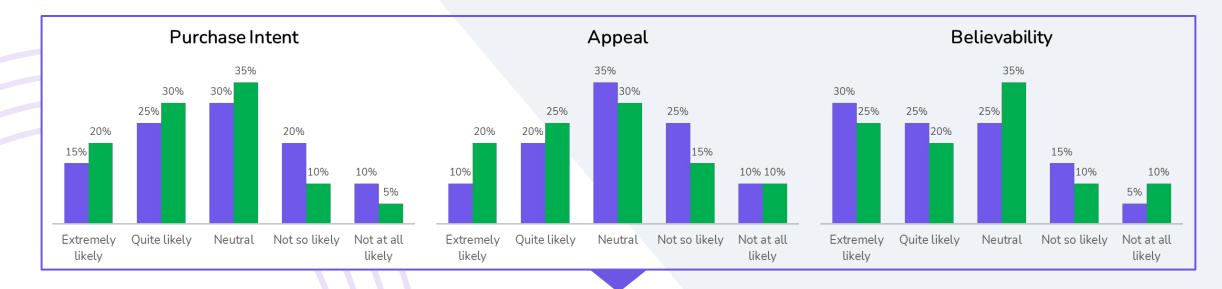
New customers vs established customers

Low-end, mid-level and high-end product segment



Building scorecard to compare results

1. Comparing 2 ads using Top 2 Box Scores



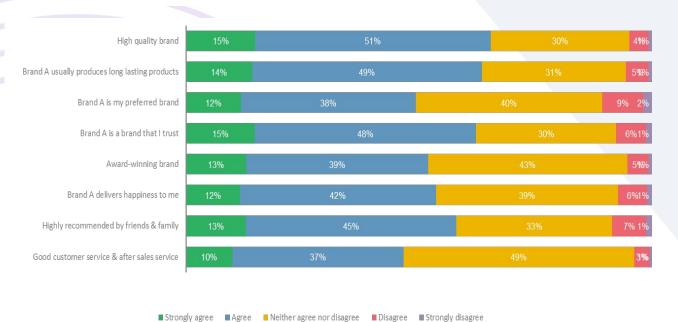




Building scorecard to compare results

2. Comparing brand perceptions using Top 2 Box Scores

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Brand A's home and kitchen appliances?









Building scorecard to compare results

2. Comparing brand perceptions using Top 2 Box Scores

	Brand A	Brand B	Brand C	Brand D	Average
High quality brand	65%	64%	65%	52%	62%
Produces long lasting products	63%	60%	61%	49%	59%
My preferred brand	49%	53%	51%	44%	49%
A brand that I trust	62%	61%	58%	49%	58%
Award-winning brand	52%	49%	52%	52%	49%
Delivers happiness to me	54%	56%	52%	45%	52%
Highly recommended by friends and family	58%	58%	56%	44%	54%
Good customer service and after sales service	47%	52%	48%	41%	47%
Total	572	553	543	489	
1 st most agree	2 nd most agree	3 rd most agree	Strongly Agree	+ Agree	

Q: How much do you agree or disagree for these statements for Brand X's home & kitchen appliances?





^{*} N = 802. Base = Respondents who are aware of the brands above.

Building scorecard to compare results

3. Comparing concepts using Top 2 Box Scores

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Logo Concept	Α	В	С
Uniqueness	39%	39%	21%
Appeal	39%	54%	43%
Visibility	38%	38%	34%
Favourite	34%	37%	39%
Total	224	224	224



Looking into data by segments

Looking into audiences segments to look for differences in perception or preference

	wood/	Maria
Packaging Concept	Α	В
Uniqueness	52%	76%
Appeal	35%	61%
Visibility	18%	22%
Favourite	20%	36%
Total	400	400



Looking into data by segments

Example: Looking into gender segments to look for differences in perception or preference

	Wood/ Santra		Wood / Brand State of the Control of	
	†	*	†	*
Uniqueness	57%	48%	73%	81%
Appeal	41%	28%	70%	45%
Visibility	24%	17%	16%	29%
Favourite	8%	26%	38%	34%
Total	198	202	198	202



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Try doing it yourself!

Look at <u>this dashboard</u> (access code is "vase") of a survey that was conducted on a Gen Z target audience, then try doing the following.

- 1. Bucket the data points by category wherever you think this will help you present the findings!
- 2. Find audience segments that you'd like to separate and analyse further to get more insights!



Find powerful stats as evidence

parents face childcare-related credit card debt of parents, especially moms, return to work partly due to childcare costs of parents were interested in the service BridgeCare Finance would provide

Example: Brand A awareness is at 72%

- 72% have heard of Brand A
- 28% are not aware of Brand A
- 3 in 4 have heard of Brand A
- 1 in 4 are not aware of Brand A



Focus on the WHY

Step back and see if your presentation is not just answering the "what" and "how", but also the "why".

For examples of this, refer to Example 1 and Example 2 in the SCQA method, outlined in the "Situation" and "Complication" sections.



Keeping it simple

Not all findings are relevant to your story.

It's OK to leave a lot of your data out of your presentation if it distracts your audience from taking away what matters.



Add a personal touch





"I bought because price are reasonable, long warranty, most comment I read said it's worth it as the life shelf also worthy."

Malay, female, 26 years old

VASE.AI



Present in the form of strategic business recommendations (AKA executive summary)

Strategic recommendations should be:

- **Focused**: Recommendations should flow from the business question you started with and be supported by your research insights.
- **Specific**: Make sure your recommendations outline specific, clear actions to be taken. It's possible that the next step is to do more research, so in that case, be ready with a plan (and budget, if applicable).
- Attainable: If they are aggressive or require more resources than you currently have (whether it's budget or headcount), outline what it would take to accomplish your recommendations.
- **Measurable**: Tie your recommendations to quantifiable business outcomes, even if they're based on assumptions.



Citing your research

A survey methodology summary should contain:

- The data collection method (i.e. Vase.ai platform, customers, etc.)
- When you fielded your survey (date of launch date of completion)
- Sample size
- Country/location
- Target audience criteria (e.g. demographics, screener question used)
- Whether the sample was balanced or weighted (and if it was, based on what population metrics)

Here's an example:

This study was conducted using the Vase.ai platform from Sept 21 - Sept 22, 2019 with a Malaysian sample of 400 adults age 18+. The sample was representative to Malaysian population on age and gender according to the Malaysian Census.



Presenting insights

Keep in mind; is this report being presented or read?

If it's being presented, you can have less information on the slide because you'll be guiding the viewer through the report.

You can even get away with the most minimalistic slides with only key points, with you as the speaker providing the connective tissue that links the key points together.





If it's being read, all your points need to be on the slides themselves, as you're not going to be there to explain them.



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Feedback survey for Part 3

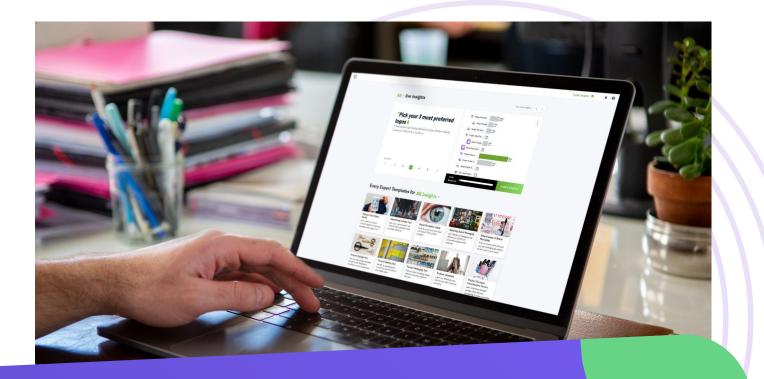
- 1. How helpful was this section of the course on "Actual" Data Analysis"?
 - 1. Very helpful
 - Somewhat helpful
 - 3. Neither helpful or unhelpful
 - 4. Somewhat unhelpful
 - 5. Very unhelpful
- 2. Please include your suggestions on how we can improve this course and its content!





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