

STAGE 2 – Hypotheses

- (2a) What definitional questions (if any) do you need to address before you address the investigative question itself? State them and answer them.
- (2b) Formulate some competing hypotheses as possible answers to your investigative question. You should at least identify two hypotheses, but there could be more.
- (2c) Make sure that the competing hypotheses
- cover all possible answers, i.e. at least one of the hypotheses must be correct
 - do not overlap, i.e. at most one of the hypotheses must be correct.

Explain your reasoning. Look up *www.rootclaim.com* for examples of hypotheses.

- (2d) Before doing research, what is your guess about the hypothesis that is the correct answer to your question? Motivate your guess.