

BCIO Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology Training Module 1:

What are ontologies and why are they useful?

QUIZ

Test your knowledge by answering the questions below. Select **one** answer for each question.

Answers are given on the next page

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- 4. Natural language gives those with first-language competence an advantage over those for whom the language is their second language.

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- 4. A kind of topping you can put on a pizza.

Question 3: Why are ontologies useful for data integration?

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- 2. You can use smaller ontologies in place of larger datasets thus reducing unnecessary processing requirements.
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ANSWERS

Correct answers in **bold**.

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