### **Distinguishing between the title and the research question**

Your extended essay needs a title and a research question. Both must appear on the cover page.

* **The title** is a clear, focused summative statement of the research which gives the reader an indication of the research topic.
* **The research question** indicates the specific topic of research and must be phrased as a question.

#### **Practice exercise: Title and research question**

To help you write a title and research question for your essay, try the following exercises:

1. **Suggest possible titles for these research questions:**

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| Research question | To what extent do different light combinations affect the movement of the red-eared slider turtle (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) with respect to the position of the light sources? (biology) |
| Title |  |

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| Research question | To what extent was the American policy of containment successful in South Asia from 1947 to 1990? (history) |
| Title |  |

1. **Suggest a possible research question for these titles:**

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| Research question |  |
| Title | Steven Spielberg’s style in war films. (film) |

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| Research question |  |
| Title | English language in commercial aviation. (English B) |