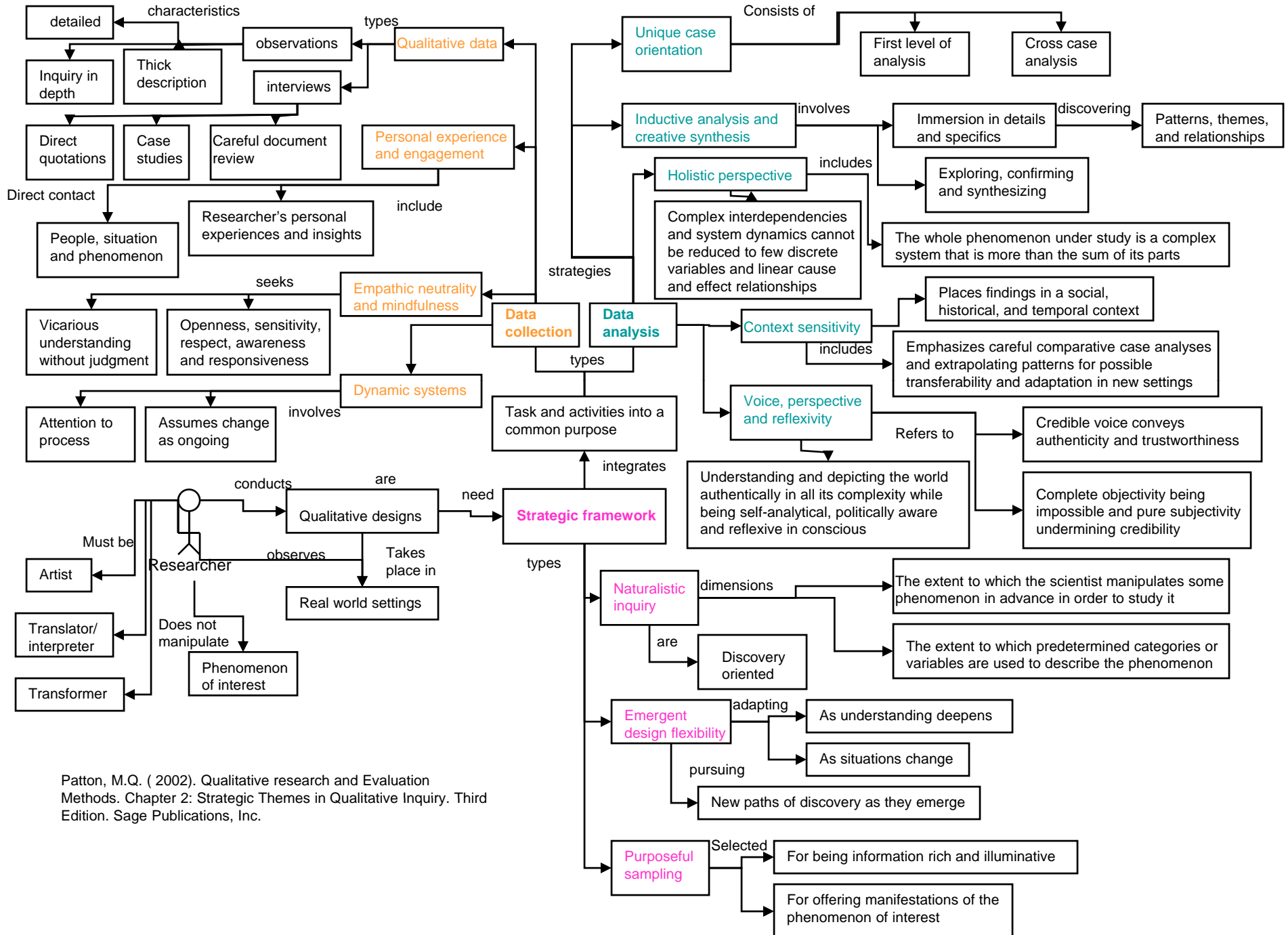


Strategic Themes in Qualitative Inquiry

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1. **What is meant by the term holistic perspective?**

Holistic perspective refers to look at the problem by considering the relationship between the whole and its parts

2. **What is the impact of context sensitivity?**

The impact of context sensitivity is that if we emphasize careful comparative case analyses and extrapolate patterns, we may find possible transferability and adaptation in new settings

3. **Discuss the issue of empathic neutrality as a researcher. What is your opinion about researchers assuming this role?**

Empathic refers to having the capability to share, recognize, and receive the emotions of another; but we should always keep neutral and do not demonstrate agreement nor disagreement. In my opinion, this is a very important role, we should always understand the participant but not judge him neither his ideas, nor his experiences, etc.

4. **Discuss your own voice, perspective, and reflexivity. From where does your "voice" come?**

Researcher's voice is loud, participant's voice is loud. We need to identify which is our voice and which is participants voice. Voice is who you are, we are the research instrument. We have strategies to identify if it is separate, muted or highlighted. Voice reveals the author's identity (Ivanic 1998). The tone of voice may be expressive, reflective, searching, academic, or critical.