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| **Steps** | | **Search Strategy** | | | | | |
| **1** | Write a clear topic statement: |  | | | | | |
| **2** | Select the keywords from your topic statement.  *Usually 2 or 3 keywords give better results.* | **Keyword A** |  | | | | |
|  | **Keyword B** |  | | | | |
|  | **Keyword C** |  | | | | |
| **3** | Based on the keywords you identified above, select synonyms, related terms, and alternate forms for each of these keywords. | **Keyword A Synonyms** |  | | | | |
|  | **Keyword B Synonyms** |  | | | | |
|  | **Keyword C Synonyms** |  | | | | |
| **4** | **Search Strategy 1**: Formulate a search strategy using Boolean operators (‘AND’ / ‘OR’) to connect your keywords.  *◦ Combine synonyms with*  ***OR****.*  *◦ Combine different*  *ideas/concepts with* ***AND***. | **Keyword A Synonyms** |  | **OR** |  | **OR** |  |
|  | **AND** | | | | | |
|  | **Keyword B Synonyms** |  | **OR** |  | **OR** |  |
|  | **AND** | | | | | |
|  | **Keyword C Synonyms** |  | **OR** |  | **OR** |  |
|  | **Search Strategy 2:** Formulate a search strategy using Boolean operators (‘AND’ / ‘OR’) along with your keywords.  *◦ Combine synonyms with*  ***OR****.*  *◦ Combine different*  *ideas/concepts with* ***AND***. | **Keyword A Synonyms** |  | **OR** |  | **OR** |  |
|  | **AND** | | | | | |
|  | **Keyword B Synonyms** |  | **OR** |  | **OR** |  |
|  | **AND** | | | | | |
|  | **Keyword C Synonyms** |  | **OR** |  | **OR** |  |
| **5** | Select appropriate search tools (i.e. library catalogue, an article database, etc.). |  | | | | | |
| **6** | Search | *Take your search strategies from above and insert them in the databases you selected.* | | | | | |
| **7** | Review results and revise search. | *Not enough results? Revise your search terms and/or remove one of your keywords to broaden your results.*  *Too many results? Use limits (scholarly journals, or by publishing year, etc…) and/or add another keyword to narrow your results.* | | | | | |

HINT: Once you have found an appropriate source (i.e. book, journal article, etc…) for your research topic, remember to search its bibliography and locate those references at the Library