

Research Strategies

Start with your research question.

Are wildfires in urban areas affected by global warming?

Cross out words that are not important to your search (and, the, or, etc..)

List the words that you are left with.

*What do we call
these words?*

*Why do we need
them?*

Take the next step and try these words in the library catalog.

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Advanced Search

Search Index	Search Term
Keyword	<input type="text"/>

Operator	Search Index	Search Term
AND	Title	<input type="text"/>

Operator	Search Index	Search Term
AND	Author	<input type="text"/>

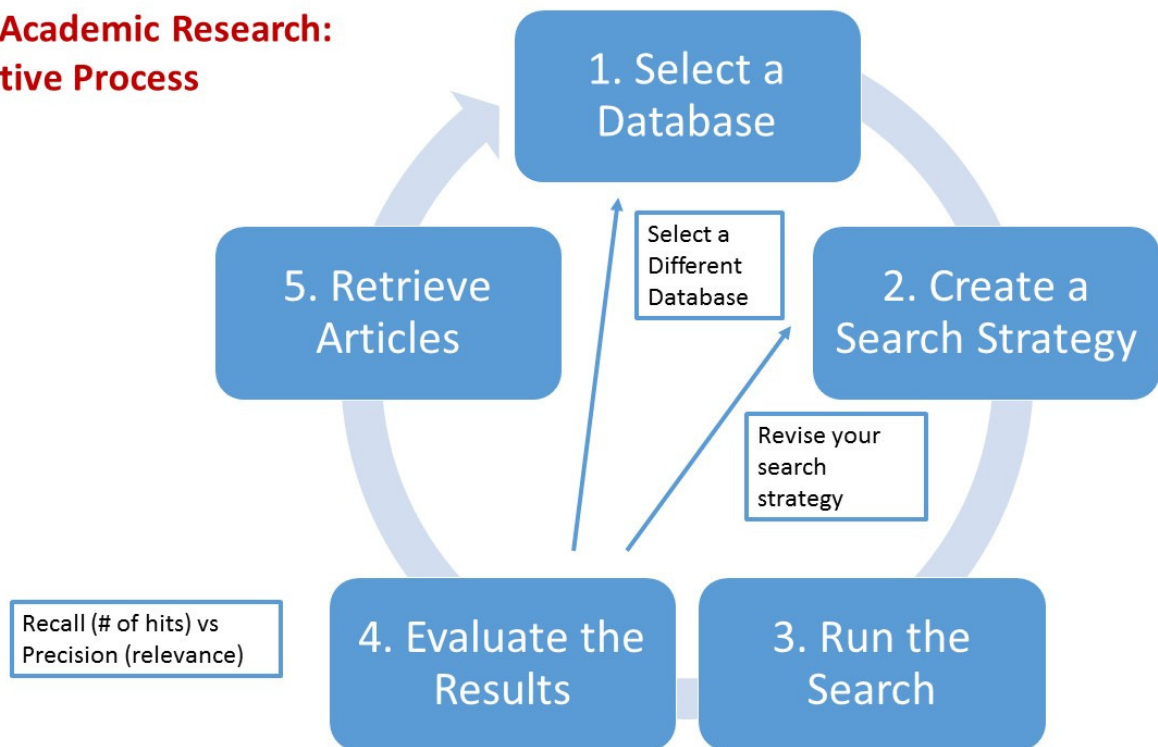
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*Using the
'advanced search'
feature can make
it easier to add
several keywords
to your search.*

What if my results aren't useful?

Finding Academic Research: An Iterative Process



Refining Your Search

Start by finding more keywords.

Wildfire Risk and Climate Change: The Influence on Homeowners

[View Description](#)

Staff View: [MARC Record](#)

ISSN: 0894-1920

DOI: [10.1080/08941920903431298](#)

Unique Identifier: 5289307629

Subjects: [Clear Creek County Colorado](#)
[Climate change](#)
[Homeowners](#)
[Forest & brush fires](#)
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Summary: This project examines the sensitivity of beh:

*Places I can find more
keywords.*

Developing Your Search Strategy

Develop and list potential search combinations to try with your keywords. Most library databases cannot interpret natural language, so instead you will want to use permutations of your keywords, operators (e.g. AND, OR, NOT), and perhaps even specialized symbols (e.g. *, " ").

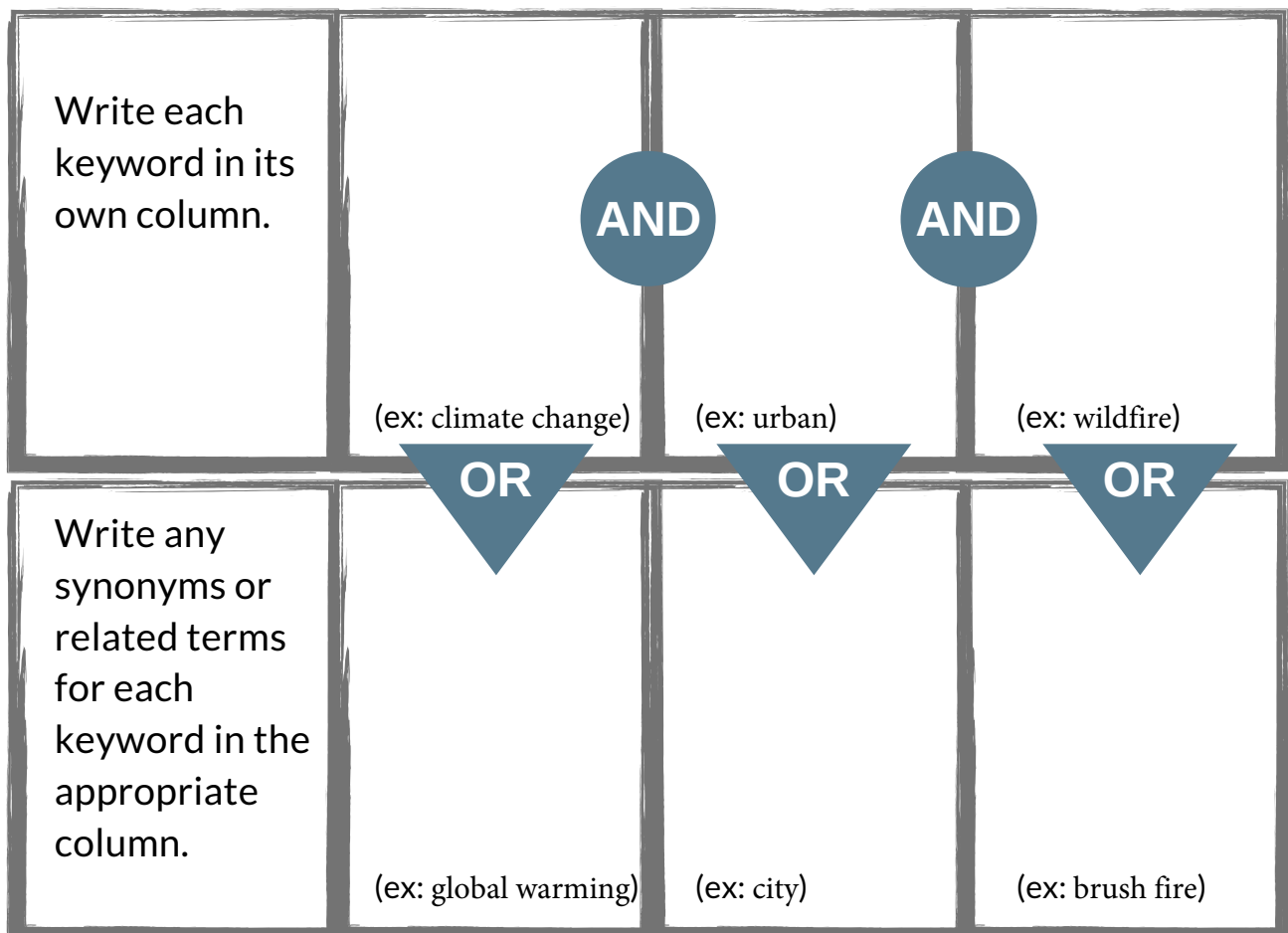
AND – combines search terms.

OR – broadens a search. Results will match at least one of the terms.

NOT – excludes a term from a search.

Quotes (" ") – A symbol commonly used for matching a phrase.

Truncation (*) – symbol commonly used for matching related words with different endings (e.g. vacci* will include vaccinate, vaccinates, vaccine, vaccines, vaccination, vaccinations and vaccinating).



Additional Strategies




Try using different databases.

Since the library catalog doesn't search through all of our databases, it may help to search within the databases themselves to get more relevant results.

Building climate change into risk assessments

Check Availability

Access Online 3 Links

	Publication	Database / Coverage	
View full text 	Natural Hazards	Environment Complete (2011-01-01~12 months ago)	Report a broken link
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How do you pick a database that is relevant to your topic?

Use the filters.

Don't forget to use the filters to limit your search results to items you can use.

Year

☒ All Years
☐ Last 5 Years
☐ Last 10 Years
☐ Last 25 Years
☐ Custom Year Range:

from through

Change Year

All Formats

- ☒ All Formats
- ☐ Article, Chapter (644)
 - ☐ Article (623)
 - ☐ Chapter (20)
 - ☐ Downloadable Article (1)
- ☐ Book (13)
 - ☐ Thesis, Dissertation (8)
 - ☐ eBook (3)
 - ☐ Print Book (3)
- ☐ Archival Material (3)
 - ☐ Downloadable Archival Material (3)
- ☐ Video (1)
 - ☐ VHS Video (1)

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