



# Search Strategy Worksheet



**1. Write your research topic or a question that describes your topic. Circle the concepts.**

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**2. Write down the concepts and alternate words or synonyms** (you may want to use a thesaurus):

Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3

**3. Truncate any words in the keywords:**

**4. Connect the keywords for each concept with the Boolean operator OR –** (words must be enclosed in brackets).

**5. Construct a search statement using synonyms, truncation, and Boolean operators**

**6. Use statements to search databases and the web**

**7. What next?**

- ❖ Don't like results:
  - Take out one of the concepts
  - Check the database or search engine help features
  - Look at the results to suggest other terms
  - Ask your librarian for help
- ❖ Like results:
  - Locate the items
  - Evaluate the items