

Keyword Searching Strategies

PART 1: RULES FOR BUILDING YOUR SEARCH

Rule 1:	Rule 2:
Choose the most important terms that describe your topic. These become your search terms, or <i>keywords</i> .	Put quotation marks around common phrases in your search terms. Phrase searching ensures that those words appear together in your results.
<u>Example Topic:</u> Are video games bad for teenagers?	<u>Keywords/search terms using phrase searching:</u> "video games" teenagers impact
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PART 2: TIPS FOR REVISING YOUR SEARCH

<p style="text-align: center;">Too Many Results? Try <i>Narrowing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"video games" teenagers impact</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"video games" teenagers impact "mental health"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"video games" teenagers impact "mental health" <u>in peer-reviewed journals</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Too Few Results? Try <i>Broadening</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">fortnite teenagers boys impact "mental health"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">fortnite teenagers impact "mental health"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"online gaming" teenagers impact "mental health"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Find a Good Book or Article? <i>Mine the Record</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Relevant Item</p> <p>abstract terms</p> <p>title terms</p> <p>subject terms</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Looking for Unbiased Sources? <i>Consider Your Terms</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">impact effects</p> <p style="text-align: center;">benefits drawbacks pros cons</p>