

Keywords: the keys to success in database searching!

The following exercise will help you develop words and phrases to search the online catalog and databases.

List several things you already know about your topic:

List keywords related to what you already know: alternate words, synonyms, related terms:

Re-write your topic. Choose the most important words and/or phrases (3-5) that describe your topic's main concepts:

Choose synonyms or related terms for each of your concepts:

Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3
1.	2.	3.
Other Terms	Other Terms	Other Terms
a.	a.	a.
b.	b.	b.
c.	c.	c.