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Remember that most databases want you to search for important terms and not whole sentences. In order to conduct the most efficient search on your topic, you will need to select those terms from your research question.

What is your research question?

What are the major terms in your question?

To combine terms in your search,
use **AND**
To broaden your search, use
OR
To leave out a term, use
NOT

Are there any other words that could be used for those terms?

Truncation, or using ? or *,
can be helpful for finding
different forms of a word
(such as singular or plural)

Did you get too many results? What words could narrow your search?
