

# Keyword Worksheet

1. Your Research Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the main words or phrases in your research topic? Circle these important keywords and cross out the other words in your topic.

Example: Should Facebook be used as a source of information?

Circle important words or phrases (keywords) that best describe your topic

Avoid using vague or non-descriptive words like the, it, in, used, a, as, etc.

3. These circled keywords or phrases will be used for your database search. For each keyword, try to think of synonyms, related terms and different forms of the same word. Synonyms help broaden your search.

Example:

Keyword 1	AND	Keyword 2	AND	Keyword 3
Facebook		source		information
OR		OR		OR
Social media		citations		
OR		OR		OR
		references		

**AND** focuses your search by requiring all words to be present in your search results

**OR** broadens your search by requiring either word to be present in your search results

Place your circled keywords or phrases in the box below using the model above.

Keyword 1	AND	Keyword 2	AND	Keyword 3
OR		OR		OR
OR		OR		OR