Developing Your Search Strategy

This exercise is designed to help you develop and refine a search strategy to use when looking for articles related to your research.

1) What is your research question?

2) List important keywords from your research question.

3) List additional keywords that may be useful. Consider alternative spellings, broader topics, research techniques, etc.

4) Using some of the tips we discussed (truncation, quotation marks, search connectors) combine some keywords to build a search statement. Remember to start out broad – don’t restrict your scope too much to start.

5) Think about what filters you can apply to limit your search results. Examples include publication date, study type, and language.