EDU10446
Information Sources & Search Tips

Session 1 2019

Start from the Library Homepage
http://scu.edu.au/library/

Library catalogue: the main search engine of library resources: books, articles and more. Request book loans here, too.

Go to the database page to search bibliographic database for journal articles.

Quick access to LibGuides, referencing styles or make an appointment to consult your librarian.

Library access in MySCU

Preparing for Success LibGuide
Analyse your topic for keywords

1. Identify the **keywords** in the question
2. Think of alternative words:
   - synonyms (with same meaning)
   - related words
   - variations of a word or different spelling
   (e.g. globalisation or globalization)

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### Keywords

**Topic 1:** Mobile technology is benefitting students in educational settings

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<td>Mobile technology</td>
<td>Mobile computing, Mobile device, Mobile phone, Ipad</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Teaching, Learning, Primary/secondary/higher education</td>
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<td>Students</td>
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**Topic 2:** Adolescent well-being is enhanced through social media use

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<td>adolescent</td>
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<td>Social media</td>
<td>&quot;social networking service&quot;, Facebook, Twitter</td>
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<td>Well-being</td>
<td>&quot;Mental health&quot;, Welfare, Success, Happiness</td>
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**Topic 3:** Mobile technology will continue to transform human health in positive ways

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<td>Health</td>
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INFORMATION SOURCES & SEARCH TIPS
Search strategy

- Use "quote marks" around phrases, example: "social media"
- Use "AND" between keywords, example: arts AND community - this will narrow down your search)
- Use "OR" between synonyms or related concepts, example: "mobile phone" OR "cell phone" – this will broaden your search
- Use truncation symbol * to include variations of word endings, example: adolescence* for (adolescence, adolescent, adolescents)

Combine keywords together to perform your search, example: "social media AND (adolescence* OR youth) AND (well-being)"

Using truncation (the * symbol)
What word or words will I find?

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Assessment 2 requirement

- Find three additional references to the three references you already have from assessment 1 to support your argument.
- These new references must have been published within the last two years and may be journal articles, book chapters or other credible academic sources.

Where do I look ...

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Databases

- A collection of journal articles; may be on one subject (e.g. law, health, business), or cover a range of subjects/discipline (check the PSP LibGuide for best ones)
- Contain mostly full-text articles
- Use keywords to search for articles on your topic
- Contain many scholarly resources not freely available on the internet

http://www.scu.edu.au/library/study/databases

Improving your search results

- Check spelling
- Try alternative keywords
- Broader & narrower keywords
- Truncation
- Use OR to join synonyms
- Different combinations of keywords
- Record the details of your search
- Allow enough time!

INFORMATION SOURCES & SEARCH TIPS

Evaluate what you find

- Is the information you found relevant to your assignment topic?
- Have you found academic/scholarly journal articles?
- Not sure if a journal is academic/scholarly, check Ulrichsweb database
- The CRAAP test to evaluate Web resources:
  - Currency - the timeliness of the information
  - Relevance - the importance of the information for your needs
  - Authority - the source of the information
  - Accuracy - the reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content
  - Purpose - the reason the information exists

Video: Should I Cite this website? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI5uGyUTu1E
Need more help?

Research Ready videos
- Using the catalogue
- Evaluating resources
- Scholarly vs non-scholarly resources
- Plagiarism and referencing
- Library Search Skills

Consult a Librarian