Practise your skills: Starting your research


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2. From your Subject Guide, select and write down two Library databases that you will use to search for your topic.

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3. Write a brief paragraph explaining your research topic and highlight/underline the key words:

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4. Construct a search statement by arranging the keywords, using:

- **OR** to link alternate terms for the same concept (mobile phones OR cell phones) group alternate terms together in (brackets).
- **AND** to link different keywords or phrases.
- Use the truncation symbol * to find all endings to a word, eg countr* for country, countries, etc.
- Use double quotes “ ” if searching for a phrase eg (“solar energy” OR “solar power”) AND (“less developed countr*” OR “developing countr*”).
- Refer to the OENG1085 Tutorial 1, Part 3 Search operators, or see the video at https://youtu.be/7tm-sDKCnO4
5. Try out your search statement in the two databases. Did you find any relevant results?

6. List some of the useful keywords that appear in the Abstract or Keywords fields of relevant records. Are there any that are different from the keywords you used?

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