1. **Your Research Topic**

What are the key words or phrases in your research topic? Write the words in section 2.

**Write Your Topic Here:**

Then circle the important words and cross out the other words.

**Example:**

Circle important words or phrases that best describe your topic.

Avoid using vague or non-descriptive words like the, it, in, used, at.

Place your circled words in the box in section 2.

2. **Transforming Keywords into a Search Statement**

Connect your keywords or phrases with **AND**

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**AND** focuses your search by requiring all words to be present in the information retrieved.

3. **Test Your Search Statement**

**For Books:** use the Library Catalog quick search box

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**For Journals, go to Academic Search Complete**

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