Keywords: Keys to information

1) Keywords are better for searching when you’re using tools that don’t like long strings of text – like scientific article search engines.

2) The activity of conceptualizing keywords helps you think of synonyms or concepts/terminology that is related to your topic, which when you use them in your searches gives you better search results,

Step 1: Write your topic below as a single sentence or question as you would describe it to Dr. Clark

Step 2: From that sentence, pull out the 3-5 most important words or phrases.

Step 3: For each of the keywords or phrases you listed above, list as many alternative keywords for them as you can think of.

Step 4: Use the keywords you wrote above in a variety of combinations when searching any of our scientific article search engines. This gives you more to try if/when your topic doesn’t show up on the first try.

REMEMBER – if what you type in to search with doesn’t work at first, change your keywords and try it again! Different authors describe the same thing in different ways, and just because you are using one set of descriptors doesn’t mean this is the only way your topic is or has been discussed.
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