Go to the ERIC/Ebsco database and login using your Portal Name and Password: http://www.twu.edu/library/databases.asp#e

Step 1: Click the Thesaurus link.

Example Search Topic: **education issues related to reading problems**

STEP 2: Type a search term into the 2nd textbox.

STEP 3: Explore options to find the exact word.
Below, the note in red shows our search term ‘reading problem’ is not a formal search term. Look down the list for alternate search terms that might work better. The database suggests we use ‘Reading Difficulties’ instead.

STEP 4: Click on Reading Difficulties.

STEP 5: Read the definition to be sure the search term fits the topic.
The search term ‘Reading Difficulties’ works well for our topic. Now let’s search.

1. Place a checkmark in the checkbox beside the term ‘Reading Difficulties’
2. Click the Add button.
3. The database will fill in the 1st textbox the way it need it to be typed. Now click SEARCH.

The Search returns almost 6,000 articles on reading difficulties in the field of education.