Library Research
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What you learn today

• How to write a research question(s) based on a research idea or topic
• How to identify key search words, synonyms, or related words
• How to use Boolean operators to develop search strategies
• How to recognize scholarly and popular journals
• How to use library search tools
• How to select tools to cite sources
TWU Libraries Webpage
Education Subject Guide

http://libguides.twu.edu/c.php?g=270137&p=1803601
The Research Assignment

• You have to write a research paper!
• What do you do first?
• Brainstorm ideas for a topic.
• Choose a topic.
• Gather information.
Reference is a database that searches for information in encyclopedias and other reference books. Articles are available full-text.
Background Information: Linguistics

Scientific study of language, covering the structure, sounds, and meaning as well as the history of the relations of languages to each other and the cultural place of language in human behavior.

Morphology, Syntax, phonology, semantics
phonetics (sounds)

Choosing a Topic

Linguistics is the broad topic. It will help to narrow your topic to make it manageable for research.

Language acquisition
Phonology (sounds)

Subject Groups: toddlers, school children
Topic to Research Question

**Topic:** Phonology and the language acquisition of toddlers.

**Question:** What is the importance of phonology in the language acquisition of toddlers?

**Question:** What impact does phonology have on the language acquisition of toddlers?

**Question:** What are the effects of phonology on the language acquisition of toddlers?

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Identity Key Subject Words

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Search Strategies

• Use Boolean operators **AND, OR** to combine subject words.

• Use quotation marks "" to search for phrases.
  – **Example:** "language acquisition"

• Use an asterisk (* shift 8) for variations of words or plurals.
  – **Example:** teacher, teachers, teaches, teaching
What is the importance of **phonology** on the **language acquisition** of **toddler**s?

Use the search connector **AND** to combine key subject words/subject phrases.

**AND** narrows your search!
“English language learners” OR “second language learners”

Use the search connector **OR** to combine synonyms or related words.

**OR** broadens your search!
Scholarly or popular: What's the difference?

What is a peer-viewed (refereed) article?
Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals

• Make available original research, experimentation, and information

• Written scholars, researchers, and professionals in a particular field, include graphs and charts; scholarly illustrations

• Usually cite sources with references, footnotes and/or bibliographies

• Technical terminology
Citation Information

Why we cite our sources?
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