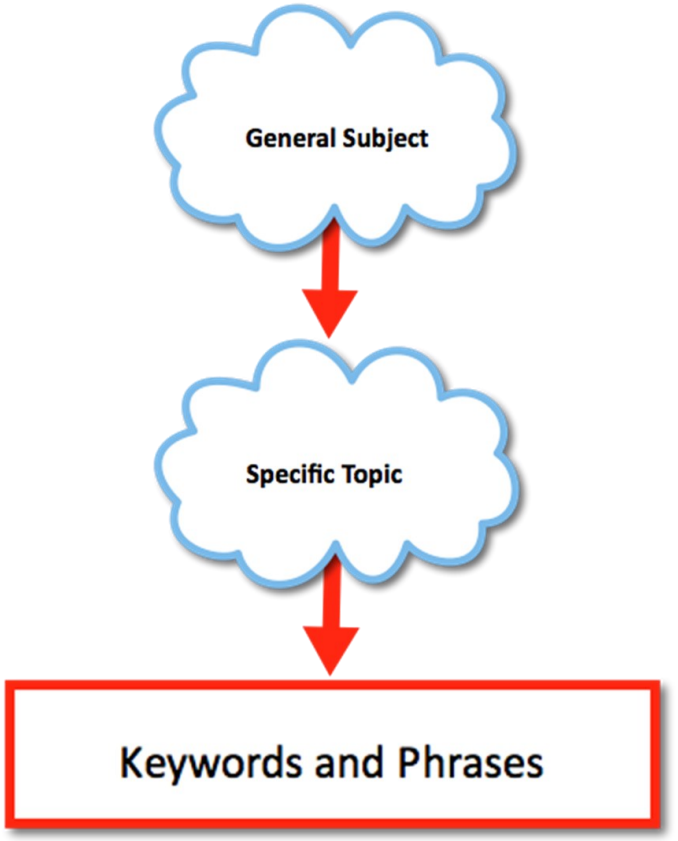


Rock Your Research



Get Specific

- Start with a general subject or topic
- Narrow your topic and move to the specific
- Come up with keywords and phrases



Develop Keywords and Synonyms

The keywords used for a topic in an academic environment might be different than language used in casual conversation.

Try to think of synonyms for your keywords.

Synonyms = a word that has the same meaning as another word.



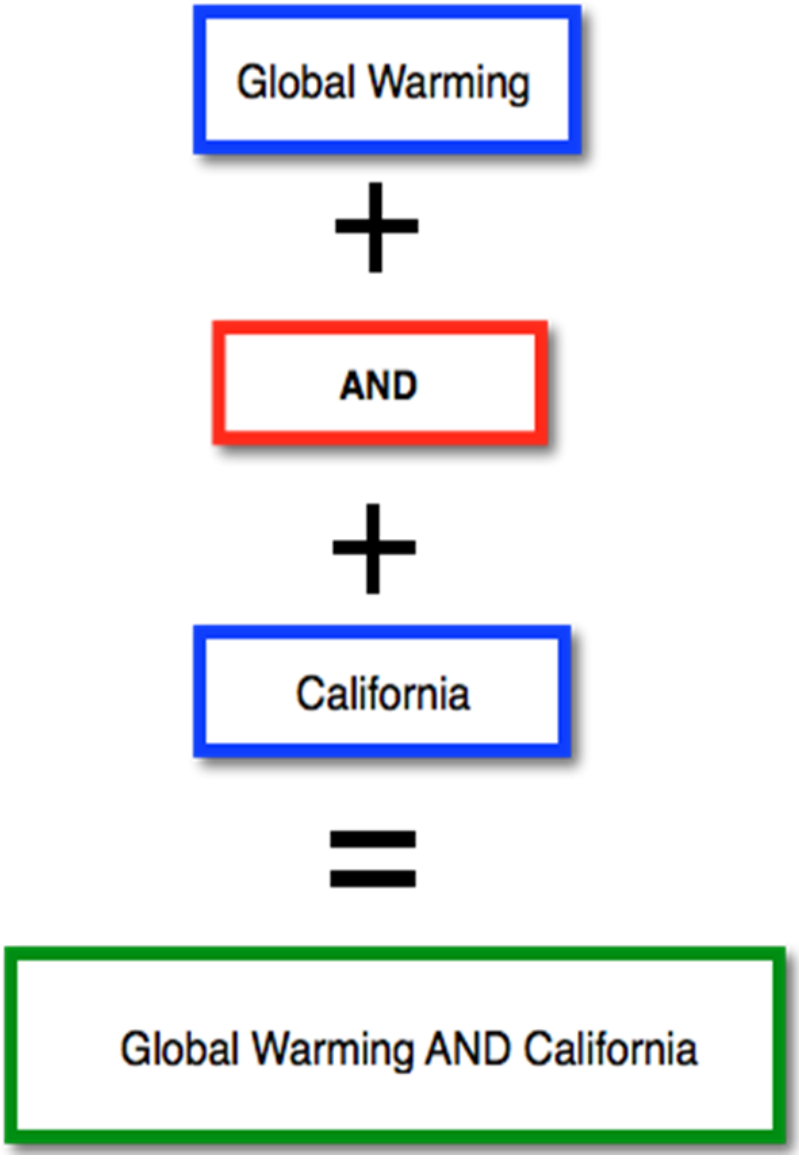
*Example: **global warming** might also be known **as climate change** in the academic literature*

Use Boolean Language





- The terms **AND, OR, NOT** are used make searches smarter and more specific.
- They can be used to broaden or narrow searches
- **Example:** Global warming AND California
- Most Library databases have an **Advanced Search** feature that will let you



Try it Out!

- Searching for research information takes practice.
- Don’t be afraid to experiment with your keywords,
- **Ask a Librarian** if you need assistance.