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RESEARCH SKILLS #1: FINDING SOURCES

HOW DO YOU FIND SOURCES?

The school has numerous databases they subscribe to that provide relevant and credible sources. You could start there to see if they have anything on your topic.

DATABASES: curated collection of credible sources.

A list of all databases can be found at: http://onlinelibrary.uen.org/login

You can access these databases at home by going to: <http://onlinelibrary.uen.org/>

Username: online

Password: learning

THE FOLLOWING DATABASES ARE HELPFUL:

* For global issues: Gale Reference Collection, “Global issues in context”
* For US issues: Gale Reference Collection, “Opposing viewpoints in context”
* For news sources: Gale Reference Collection, “Infotrac Newsstand.”
* For more content: EBSCO, “All databases”
* For more content: SIRS Issues Researcher: http://afhslibrary.blogspot.com/

GOOGLE: You can also use good old Google to find relevant information. Here are some magical search terms that help you control the power of Google.

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| **AND** |
| *women AND marketing AND salary* |
| Using **AND** limits your search results to those that contain both words only. Google just requires you to put a space between the two words instead of **AND.** |

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| **OR** |
| *Global warming OR greenhouse effect*  |
| Using **OR** broadens your search by telling the search engine to include results that use either word. **OR** allows you to include synonyms or alternate terms in your search. |

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| **NOT** |
| *Mexico NOT New Mexico* *Or in Google Mexico –New Mexico* |
| Using **NOT** is a way to exclude certain terms from your results, especially if there’s a popular result similar to your term. You can get it out of the way! Note: In Google use a – (minus sign or hyphen) instead of NOT. |

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| **“ ”** |
| *"environmental history" AND Britain AND Empire* |
| If you put several words in quotes, your search will only give you results with that specific phrase. |

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| **site:**  |
| *site:.edu*  |
| This is a lifesaver when you're looking for legitimate, academic sources. This limits the search to sites that end with ".edu" |

Here’s the rules directly from Google if you want them: <https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/2466433> or just use Google Advanced Search: <https://www.google.com/advanced_search>

1. Using a school database, what impact does elevated blood sugar have on the brain?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Search terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Using a school database, what is the largest threat to the world’s coral reefs?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Search terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Can someone help me figure out where tipping comes from?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Search terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Can someone help me figure out how long before my pet Giraffe has her baby?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Search terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now find a source using one of the databases that might help answer your research question.

Search terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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