

# Search Strategy Worksheet

## Directions:

1. Briefly state your research question.
2. Determine its 2 or 3 main concepts or main ideas; enter them next to **Concept 1, 2, & 3** below.
3. Enter additional search words (synonyms, acronyms, variant spellings - i.e. other ways of saying your main concepts) in respective rows.

## EXAMPLE SEARCH

**EXAMPLE RESEARCH QUESTION IS:** Can music therapy help children with autism?

SEARCH WORDS <i>for your main concepts</i>	ADDITIONAL SEARCH WORDS <i>synonyms, acronyms, variant spellings</i>					
Concept 1 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="music therapy"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
<b>AND</b>						
Concept 2 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="children"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="kids"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="youth"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
<b>AND</b>						
Concept 3 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="autism"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="asperger"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

The search above tells the database to find articles that mention the words:  
music therapy **AND** (children **OR** kids **OR** youth) **AND** (autism **OR** asperger)

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## YOUR SEARCH

**YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION IS:**

SEARCH WORDS <i>for your main concepts</i>	ADDITIONAL SEARCH WORDS <i>synonyms, acronyms, variant spellings</i>					
Concept 1 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
<b>AND</b>						
Concept 2 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
<b>AND</b>						
Concept 3 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>OR</b>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>