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Creating a Search Strategy

1. Define your topic in a phrase or sentence.

Vibrio bacteria in the Indian River Lagoon and its effect on dolphins

2. Circle or highlight the keywords in your sentence.

3. Generate synonyms for the keywords in your topic.

If too narrow, broaden terms

Vibrio

dolphins/bottlenose dolphin

Indian River Lagoon

Vibrio vulnificus

Tursiops truncatus

Florida

CETACEANS

Florida /United States

bacteria species belonging to the genus Vibrio vulnificus

4. Find database headings/subject headings for your keywords or synonyms.

Web of Science: Vibrio vulnificus cetacean /dolphin/porpoises Florida/Gulf of Mexico

Aquatic Sciences: Vibrio cholerae

5. List the assignment requirements (due date, types of sources, etc.).

All years /peer-reviewed articles only

6. Try some searches!

Useful Links: FAU Libraries home page: <http://www.fau.edu/library>

(Includes links Library Catalog and Indexes/Databases for articles)

Nursing Research LibGuide <http://libguides.fau.edu/content.php?pid=90755&sid=675875>