Develop Keywords and Related Terms

Keywords

If you read an article about racial profiling and the police and would like to write a paper on this topic, keep in mind:

- The keywords you use may not be the words that others use to describe the same concept
- It is a good idea to have a few similar words (synonyms) for each keyword
- Write down any synonyms you find as you research
- Try different combinations of keywords to get different results

Related Terms

- Related terms are associated with your topic, without being synonyms for them
- For example, poverty and food stamps are related terms, but they mean different things
- Write down any related terms you find as you research
- Finding related terms for your topic will help direct your research
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*Time to Practice!*

**Keywords** – similar words (*synonyms*)

![Diagram showing keywords with related terms](image)

**Related Terms**

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