Turn Your Paper into a Search

1. What is the topic of your paper? State it in a sentence:

2. Underline the key concepts/keywords from your topic above and write them at the top of each column below.

3. Think of alternate keywords (search terms) for the keywords from your topic. Think of broader, narrower, and related terms for each search term. [Example: preschool-early childhood education, child development centers-nursery school).

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4. Begin searching in the databases with your different search terms. Keep a list of the terms that worked, terms that didn’t work, and terms discovered during your search.

   a. Terms that worked:

   b. Terms that didn’t work:

   c. Terms discovered: