

PsycINFO Search Plan

Your teams' goal: create a search strategy to find articles similar to the one on the back. Complete the following. Assign someone in your group to test out your proposed search in front of the class.

1. **What are the key concepts in your topic?** (It's usually better to limit to two or three concepts, since more may be too narrow to retrieve any significant results.)

Key concept 1	Key concept 2	Key concept 3

2. **List synonyms and/or narrower terms for each key concept.**
Find appropriate terms in subjects or web browsing but today use the sample record to glean keywords and subject or *index* terms

Key concept 1	Key concept 2	Key concept 3

3. **Create a search strategy by using OR to combine synonyms/narrower terms and AND to combine key concepts.** Example:
(divided attention or cocktail party phenomenon or attentional processes or visual attention or secondary tasks Or mental workload) and driving and (cell phone* or mobile phone or cellular phone)

4. **What limits do you want to apply?**

- Document type(s) (e.g., journal articles, book chapters, edited books, etc.)

- Year(s) of publication _____
- Population group(s) -- circle those that apply: human, animal, male, female, inpatient, outpatient

Select publication type(s):

- Journals Books Dissertations Electronic collection Encyclopedias

Journal limits:

- Limit to: Peer-reviewed journals

Source: Exercise is revised from Grand Valley State University Library <http://www.gvsu.edu/library/>

PsycINFO Cited Ref Search

The above Citedref search allows you to find (circle the correct answer):

- a. All research that Strayer has listed in his bibliography
- b. All research within PsycINFO that has cited this particular article
- c. All cited references on this topic

List two other sources that allow **cited reference searching**:

1. _____
2. _____