1. WRITE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC.

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1. CREATE CONCEPT MAPS FOR YOUR TOPIC.

List synonyms and closely related terms for each of your concepts here.

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| Concept 1  | Concept 2   | Concept 3 (optional)  | Concept 4 (optional)   |
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1. CREATE A SEARCH STRATEGY.

1. Combine same concept words with an “or”.

2. Combine different concept words with an “and”.

3. Make use of the multiple search fields in PsycINFO to combine your synonyms and your concepts.

Note: when you combine search terms with the Boolean words OR and AND, this is called a Boolean Search.

Example of Boolean searching, using OR and AND:

 (tv OR television OR media OR magazine) AND

 (girl OR women OR female) AND

 (beauty OR body image)

Concept 1:

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) OR

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) AND

Concept 2:

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) OR

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) AND

Concept 3 (optional):

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) OR

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) AND

Concept 4 (optional):

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) OR

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) AND

1. ENTER YOUR SEARCH TERMS IN PSYCINFO

Example:

