1. WRITE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC.

How does hearing loss impact language development in children?

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  Hearing Loss | Concept 2    Language Development | Concept 3 (optional)    Children | Concept 4 (optional)    (not applicable) |
| Hearing impaired | Language learning | Kids |  |
| Deaf | Language acquisition | Infants |  |
| Hard of Hearing | Language delay | Babies |  |
|  | Speech development | Toddlers |  |
|  |  | Pre-schoolers |  |

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 terms 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:

(Hearing Loss OR Hearing impaired OR Deaf ) OR

(Hard of Hearing OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_) AND

Concept 2:

(Language Development OR Language learning OR Language acquisition ) OR

(Language delay OR Speech development OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) AND

Concept 3 (optional):

(Children OR Kids OR Infants ) OR

(Babies OR Toddlers OR Pre-schoolers ) AND

Concept 4 (optional):

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

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

1. ENTER YOUR SEARCH TERMS IN PSYCINFO

Example:

