

**Database Search Strategy Worksheet** <http://www.alverno.edu/media/alvernocollege/library/pdfs/database.pdf>

***Search Question:*** Write your research topic as a focused question. Be sure that your question accurately summarizes your topic.

How does online bullying hurt kids and what is being done to stop it?

***Major Concepts:*** Examine your research question, what are the major concepts? The chart below will help you identify some good search terms.

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| **Major Concepts** | **Synonyms, brand names, generic names, abbreviations or alternate ways of phrasing** |
| 1.  Online bullying | cyberbullying, cyberbullying, bullying in mass media, social media  (related: school bullying) |
| 2.  hurt | impact, effect, |
| 3.  kids | children, adolescence, grade school, elementary school, middle school, youth |
| 4.  stop | prevention, bullying – prevention, bullying – law & legislation |
| 5.  \*what\* | programs, law & legislation,  Names of specific programs/organizations/movements: Kindness Movement, |

***Search Statement:***Use terms from the chart to structure a search statement. Try not to make your search statement too specific or too broad. Use the appropriate “Boolean” connector (**AND, OR, NOT**) and consider using subject headings to improve your results.

cyberbullying AND elementary school AND imapct

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***Search:*** List the databases or websites that you plan to search. Visit the Alverno Library’s website, [http://depts.alverno.edu/library/,](http://depts.alverno.edu/library/) to access our databases and recommended websites.

***Evaluate Your Results:*** Are you happy with your results? If not, how can you improve them