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The Library subscribes to over 100 databases.

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Use these guides to find the best resources to search for journal articles, online dictionaries/encyclopedias, and web sites in your subject area:

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| Art | Math |
| Biology | Music |
| Business | News |
| Chemistry | Nursing & Medicine |
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The subject guides highlight specialized databases that will connect you with scholarly sources.

Please contact the reference desk if you need help with choosing and searching databases, or help with researching your topic in general.

Use the tabs at the top of each subject guide to see the appropriate resources for that subject area.

The **Starting Points** and **More Resources** tabs are best for discovering which databases to use for finding articles.

There are also tabs for **Finding Books, Dictionaries & Encyclopedias, Web Sites, and Get Help.**

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[ERIC \(Educational Resources Information Center\)](#)

Leading resource for education journals and ERIC Documents (including research reports and conference papers). Some **full text**. 1966-

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I. Before searching use the following questions to help narrow your topic:

1. Are you interested in a particular time period or event (20th century, Renaissance, WWII)?
2. Are you examining a specific population (college students, teenagers, women, men, etc.)?
3. Is there a geographic component to your topic (i.e., land use in Oregon)?
4. Is there an aspect of the topic you are most interested in (social, economic, political, etc.)?

II. Then take some time to brainstorm words for searching the databases.

1. Don't forget to think of synonyms: **teenagers** = teens, adolescents, young adults, etc.
2. Use truncation (word-stemming) to find all the variations of your word by entering the common root, then adding the truncation symbol (often an asterisk *): **adolescen*** = adolescence, adolescent, adolescents
3. Use AND to combine multiple keywords that express the different parts of your topic:
communicat* and adolescen* and parents
4. Use OR to combine synonyms for a particular concept. For example:
adolescen* or teen*

III. Now you are ready to search. Below is an example using the Academic Search Premier database:

Searching: **Academic Search Premier** | Choose Databases > UNIV OF PORTLAND

adolescen* or teen* in Select a Field (optional) Search Clear

and communicat* in Select a Field (optional)

and parents in Select a Field (optional)

Advanced Search | Visual Search | Search History/Alerts | Preferences >

Limit your results

Full Text <input type="checkbox"/>	References Available
Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Published Date from Month Year: 2000 to Month Year: 2008
Publication <input type="text"/>	Publication Type All Periodical Newspaper Book
Document Type All Abstract Article Bibliography	Number Of Pages All <input type="text"/>
	Cover Story <input type="checkbox"/>

Limit your search to full text articles, scholarly (peer reviewed) articles, by date, and more. Limit options vary by database.

IV. How do you find the actual articles, now that you've searched a database? Ask us during library hours or see the [Finding Full Text](#) handout for more details.

Need more help? Call (x7788), IM (uplibhelp), or visit the reference desk.
Reference librarians and assistants are here to help you!