Literature Searching

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What we are covering

• Finding information
  • Journal articles via the databases, e.g. CINAHL

• Searching Google and Websites

• Where to find LSBU Harvard Referencing information on your Subject Guide
LSBU Library Website

• Access the library website by clicking on the ‘Library & Academic’ link at the top and then on ‘Library’ on the drop-down menu.

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Databases

From the Find Journal Articles tab you can find:

- Cinahl
- Medline
- Science Direct
- PsycArticles
- PsycInfo
- Academic Search Complete

Can be searched together!

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Searching for Journal articles via Database searching

Formulate a search strategy

1. Identify your keywords
2. Identify any alternative keywords

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Effectiveness of vaccinations in children

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Search Tips

• Truncation * e.g. child* will find child, children, childhood etc.
• Phrase searching “” e.g. “young children”

OR for alternative terms (synonyms) e.g. child OR toddler -> increases the number of results

AND to connect words with different meanings, e.g. child* AND vaccination -> decreases the number of results
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Some observations...

• Do not assume that you will be able to read the full-text of database articles!

• Most databases will give a list of titles and abstracts that match your search terms.

You will only get the full-text:

• If we subscribe to the journal in which it appears
• If it is available freely on the web.

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Google searches here...
- Intranets (internal internet sites)
- Academic databases
- Unlinked sites which haven’t told Google they exist, or have asked to remain unlisted
- Basically, anything that needs a password

The DEEP web
Referencing

- LSBU Harvard Referencing Style – Unique to LSBU, see our guides for info
- Reference as you read & ask for help early! – Visit the Research Help Desk
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- Havering Library & IT Support

- Events & Workshops

- Subject Support

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