Literature searching
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Nursing LibGuide

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Journal articles

Written by experts in your area:
• Academics
• Practitioners
• Researchers

Can be:
• results of a piece of research
• a literature review
• a case study

Peer review
• Quality check
• A process by which the methodology and results are discussed and checked by independent experts in the same field.

How to access them
• Not via Google!
• Mostly online
• Massive databases containing thousands of journals and millions of articles

You are expected to use journal articles in your assignments
Searching for Journal articles

Building a search strategy
Keywords

- Identify alternative terms
  - synonyms (similar/identical meanings)
  - alternative spellings

- Keep a note of every search you do
  - adjust key words as you go along
Researching your topic

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- eg vaccination **AND** children

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- eg children **OR** youth **OR** young people **OR** toddlers

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- eg virus **NOT** computers
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The EBSCO databases

- CINAHL
- Medline
- Academic Search Complete
Internurse

- Journal of Children's and Young People's Nursing
- British Journal of Community Nursing
- British Journal of Nursing
- Child Care
- Children and Young People Now
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.
Spellings

• Library databases only bring back exactly what you ask for!

• Results may be hiding under North American spellings.

• When searching use the wildcard # to find both

• leuk#mia will find both leukaemia and leukemia
Databases

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Cinahl Medline
Science Direct Internurse
PsycArticles PsycInfo Academic Search Complete

Can be searched together!
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Getting materials we don’t have at LSBU

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- Inter-library loans – 10 during your 3rd year
- SCONUL – using other universities’ libraries
  - Usually reference only
  - Can access Eduroam with your LSBU login
1:1 support

Book a 1:1 with an Information Skills Librarian
go.lsbu.ac.uk/askalibrarian
• Database Searching e.g. Journal articles
• Referencing
• Using RefWorks

Email queries: askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk
Any questions?