3 Write each of your keywords in the box in one of the circles.

4 List synonyms and related terms for each keyword in the circle.

Example:
- Teenagers
- Young adults
- Adolescents
- Youths
- Teens
- Puberty
- Adolescence
- High school students
Write your research question or statement below.

Example:
adolescents
AND
AND

What is a keyword?
A keyword is a word, term, or phrase that represents the idea, issue, or concept about which you are interested.

Tip:
• Place terms in separate boxes
• Use AND to combine terms for more relevant results.

How many results do you have?
How many results on the first page look like they might address your topic?

Type a search term from circle #2 into search box #2, and click “Search.”

Example:
adolescents
AND profanity
AND

How many results do you have?
How many results on the first page look like they might address your topic?

Type a search term from circle #3 into search box #3, and click “Search.”

How many results do you have?
How many results on the first page look like they might address your topic?

Substitute one search term with a different search term selected from the same circle.

How did your results change?

Example:
Does the use of profanity have an effect on brain development in teenagers?

Tip:
Avoid using vague or non-descriptive words like “the,” “it,” “in,” “used,” “at,” “et cetera.”