

## Topics and Keywords Practice

1. Reading background information (such as encyclopedias or websites like Wikipedia) is a great way to gather ideas for your search but should rarely be used in your paper as an official cited source.
    - a. True
    - b. False
  2. Where can you go to pre-search or start gathering information?
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3. Language is important when researching. What is one kind of term that can help you build your keyword list?
  - a. Broader Concept
  - b. Related Terms
  - c. Narrower Concept
  - d. All of the Above
4. Match the activity in the word bank with each stage in the research process below

Choose a Topic -

Pre-Search -

Take Inventory -

Narrow Your Topic -

Identify Keywords -

Search -

### Word Bank

- Google Your Topic
- Find and Keep Track of Terms Used by Researchers and Other Experts
- Use a Discovery Tool like Library Quick Search for Initial Searching
- Pinpoint Areas Within Your Topic to Explore
- Ask Yourself What Problem You Would Like to Solve
- Identify What You Already Know About Your Topic

5. To Find Reference Sources at the UTSA Libraries, Start With:
  - a. Get If For Me
  - b. Library Quick Search
  - c. Google Scholar
  - d. Chat Box

6. Remember, research is a very \_\_\_\_\_ process.

## Answer Key

1. A. True
2. Encyclopedias, Websites, Newspapers, Blogs, Topic Overviews, Dictionaries, Background Information, and Reference Sources are all places you can go to pre-search or to start gathering information.
3. D. All of the Above
4. Choose a Topic - Ask Yourself What Problem You Would Like to Solve  
Pre-Search - Google Your Topic  
Take Inventory - Identify What You Already Know About Your Topic  
Narrow Your Topic - Pinpoint Areas Within Your Topic to Explore  
Identify Keywords - Find and Keep Track of Terms Used by Researchers and Other Experts  
Search - Use a Discovery Tool like Library Quick Search for Initial Searching
5. B. Library Quick Search
6. Remember, research is a very **fluid** process.