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
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5. B. Library Quick Search

6. Remember, research is a very fluid process.