**Literature search strategy**

Use this guide to help you plan your search

| **Define your topic -** Write your search question below -remember to choose a topic that is neither too broad nor too narrow |
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| **Choose your keywords -** look at your search question; what are the keywords? Write them below |
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| **Think of alternative terms for your keywords:**Think about synonyms, acronyms, American terminology and alternative spellings. Remember, **truncation** (\*) hous\* will find alternative word endings; **wildcards** (?) will find alternative spellings eg Colo?r would find both American and English words.  |
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| **Combining your keywords:** Combine your keywords using **AND** makes your search narrower |
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| **Limiting:** Consider how you can limit your search if you get too many results. How far back you wish to search? Do you only want articles with a UK focus? Do you only want articles about a specific type of building e.g. Shard? |
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| **Choose your Sources -** write a list of all the sources you want to use to obtain your results: e.g. LibrarySearch, Academic Search Complete, Avery etc. |
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