Searching Help

What to do when . . .

You get **too few** sources:

You get too many sources:

1. Think of Synonyms.

You tried: teen

<u>Try</u>: teenager, teenagers, adolescent, juvenile, youngster, "young adult" 1. Use **AND** to separate terms.

You tried: pollution Mexico environment

<u>Try</u>: pollution AND environment AND Mexico

Use Truncation (? or *) for more word endings.

You tried: Nursing

Try: *Nurs?* (or *Nurs**)

2. Use **Quotation Marks** to search words together.

You tried: world wide web

Try: "world wide web"

(This will look for *nurse*, *nurses*, *nursing*, *nursery*, and other words that begin with the letters NURS)

(This will look for the words **world wide web** all together in that order, as a phrase, instead of finding each word separately)

3. Don't use terms that are too **Specific**.

You tried: kangaroo AND breeding AND Australia

Try: marsupial AND breeding

3. Don't use terms that are too **Broad**.

You tried: psychology

<u>Try</u>: adolescent AND "behavioral psychology"

Remember: When in doubt, ask a librarian!

- * In the library
- * On the phone (859-246-6380)
- * On the web

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