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What are the most relevant terms in this research question?

'How can the teaching environment be changed to improve learning outcomes for dyslexic students?'

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What are the most relevant terms in this research question?

'Give a comprehensive and clear overview of literacy and the Irish traveller community in the 21st century.'

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Different types of information are typically published at different speeds. Put these in order of speed, fastest first.

- a. An encyclopaedia
  - b. A journal article
  - c. A newspaper article
- c, b, a

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Which of the following is a primary source of information?

- a. Song lyrics
- b. Answers to a questionnaire
- c. Data from a scientific experiment
- d. All of the above

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True or false? You can find all the information you need on the internet if you know how to look for it.

False.

Not all information is published on the internet.

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'Discuss fully the relevance of access to public libraries for young people in the digital age.'

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How long does it typically take to publish an academic book?

- a. 1-2 weeks
- b. 1-2 months
- c. 1-2 years

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What is a peer-reviewed journal?

- a. A learning diary discussed in seminars
- b. An academic periodical reviewed by experts
- c. A blog article with comments from readers

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True or false? Other people's opinions are not a valid source of information for an academic assignment.

False.

Opinions can form useful primary data, and experts' opinions can offer important insights into a topic.

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Google will find:

- a. All websites published on the World Wide Web
- b. All websites published in the last 5 years
- c. All websites in Google's index



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'Give an overview of the impacts  
of climate change on the  
Gulf of Mexico region water cycle.'

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What are the most relevant terms  
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'What represents value for money  
for university students in the UK?'

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What are the most relevant terms  
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'How do changes in a mother's diet  
during pregnancy affect the health  
and on-going development  
of the infant?'

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What are the most relevant terms in  
this research question?

'Is research involving the use of  
embryos ethically acceptable?'

embryos and ethically are two separate terms

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What are the most relevant terms in  
this research question?

'Discuss fully the key benefits of the  
use of a mobile computing device  
in an educational setting'

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What are the most relevant terms  
in this research question?

'Discuss the side effects of consuming  
food and drinks containing caffeine  
on expectant mothers.'

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What are the most relevant terms  
in this research question?

'Should advertising be banned on  
children's television?'

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What are the most relevant terms  
in this research question?

'Give an overview of the effects of the  
War on Terror on race relations  
in West Yorkshire.'

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What are the most relevant terms  
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'Does social media impact on  
political engagement of the  
population of developing countries?'



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Name two broader terms for television.

Accept *media, broadcasting, telecommunication* or another answer that the other players agree with.

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Your tutor recommends a book but doesn't tell you which page(s) to read. What's the best course of action?

- a. Read a review of the book in an academic journal
- b. Read the Introduction
- c. Look at the Contents Page and Index for relevant topics
- d. Read the whole book

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Name three risks when quoting information from unchecked websites in your assignments.

*Ideally three from this list: bias, spoof or intentionally misleading, out-of-date, too little detail, unverified facts or data.*

Accept any that the other players agree.

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You need to find the latest, relevant information about a new product. Which of these would be a good place to look?

- a. The library catalogue
- b. A peer-reviewed journal article
- c. A trade journal
- d. All of the above

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Where is the best place to find a definition of a term you do not understand?

- a. Reading list
- b. Database
- c. Dictionary or encyclopaedia
- d. Peer-reviewed journal

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Name two narrower terms for a mobile computing device.

*Accept laptop, portable computer, netbook, Smartphone, iphone, tablet computer/PC, iPad, PDA or another answer that the other players agree with.*

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Your assignment contains the words 'in an Educational Setting'. How many synonyms can you think of?

You gain a point for each synonym that the other players agree with, with a maximum of 5 points.  
60 second time limit!

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Your assignment contains the words 'Young People'. How many synonyms can you think of?

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Your assignment contains the words 'Climate Change'. How many synonyms can you think of?

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Your assignment contains the word 'Nutrition'. How many synonyms can you think of?

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Which search would return the most results?

- a. Well-being AND health
- b. Well-being OR health
- c. Well-being AND health AND happiness
- d. Well-being OR health OR happiness



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Which search would return the fewest results?

- a. Enterprises OR businesses
- b. Enterprises AND businesses
- c. Enterprises OR businesses OR firms
- d. Enterprises AND businesses AND firms

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Which search would return more relevant results for the question: 'Discuss the side effects of caffeine on expectant mothers?'

- a. Caffeine OR pregnancy
- b. Caffeine AND pregnancy
- c. Caffeine OR coffee OR methylxanthine
- d. Pregnancy AND expectant mothers

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'Discuss the potential and actual impacts of alcohol on student well-being.'

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What are the most relevant terms in this research question?

'How will austerity measures in the Eurozone affect small enterprises in Great Britain?'

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You're starting a new module. Where's the first place to get guidance on what to read?

- a. Your library search engine
- b. Google
- c. Reading list
- d. Librarian

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You're starting a completely new subject area and are a little lost. What would be the best place to look for a short overview on a new topic?

- a. A peer reviewed journal article
- b. A trade journal article
- c. An encyclopedia
- d. A book

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'Can changes in nutrition improve memory formation in children?'

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Which symbol would you usually use to return words with different endings of the same 'stem' word? e.g. advertising and advertisement

- a. ?
- b. +
- c. \* (e.g. advertis\*)
- d. /

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Which symbols would you use to search for an exact phrase using a search engine or database?

- a. \*Exact phrase\*
- b. \$Exact phrase\$
- c. "Exact phrase"
- d. ¿Exact phrase?

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You failed to note the details of the article you found, so you spend two hours trying to find it again.

Lose 2 points for wasting time.

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You searched Google instead of your library search engine and find loads of relevant materials quickly.

Gain 1 point for a quick search... but lose 3 points because your assignments didn't contain enough scholarly references.

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You quoted information from another author, without acknowledging them properly.

Lose 2 points for cheating.

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The website you quoted as fact turns out to be the biased opinion of a pressure group.

Lose 2 points for failing to check.

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You have a really good talk with your subject librarian about your search.

Gain double points for the rest of the game.

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You kept notes of everything you referred to in your assignment, which saved time preparing your reference list.

Gain 2 points for being efficient.

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You made sure you understood your research title before you started searching for information.

Gain 2 points for improving your knowledge.

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You made sure you understood your research title before you started searching for information.

Gain 2 points for improving your knowledge.

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You used some relevant and interesting material that wasn't on your reading list.

Gain 2 points for delighting your tutor.

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You combined two synonyms with OR and returned even more relevant search results.

Gain 2 points for mastering Boolean logic.

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You kept notes of everything you referred to in your assignment, which saved time preparing your reference list.

Gain 2 points for being efficient.

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You used some relevant and interesting material that wasn't on your reading list.

Gain 2 points for delighting your tutor.

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You didn't turn up to any of your research skills sessions.

Score half points for the rest of the game.

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