

Search Tips

1. Identify your research topic or research question. Be specific, not general. For example:

- ***How can teenagers' use of social networking sites lead to internet addiction?***

2. Divide your research topic or question into "concepts" and think of other words that might be used for each concept

- ***"internet addiction"***

- ***"social networking" OR Facebook OR Twitter OR YouTube***

- ***teen* OR youth OR adolescen****

* The truncation symbol (*) is used in article databases, but not on Google, to search for multiple words with the same root, e.g. ***teen**** finds: *teen, teens, teenager or teenagers*; ***adolescen**** finds: *adolescent, adolescents, or adolescence*

Google Tips

Include all search words for all concepts in your Google search, e.g.

"internet addiction" "social networking" OR Facebook OR Twitter OR YouTube teen OR youth OR adolescents

a. Limit searches to sites from a specific web domain (e.g. .edu, .gov, .org):

- add the following to your search: ***site:.edu*** or: ***site:.gov*** or: ***site:.org***

b. Limit to **news** sites (articles from newspapers or news websites):

- click on "**News**" on left column of the Google results page

- In News, you can also limit to specific time periods (see limits on the left column)

c. Limit search to **academic articles** and books by using **Google Scholar**:

- Click on "More" pull-down menu on Google results page & then select "**Scholar**" (*Google Scholar*)

- To find full-text articles (rather than just article summaries), use links on right side of results page.

(If no link is listed on right side, full-text is probably not available;

use the Skyline Library **Article Delivery Service** --on the Library homepage—to request full-text.)

Article Databases on the Library Website

Best place to search for high quality academic sources

- start with: **EbscoHost** databases ("**Quick Article Search**" on library home page)

- many other more specialized databases are listed on "**Find Articles**" page (link from library homepage)

Directions for using EbscoHost databases

(Includes articles from academic journals, magazines, newspapers & other published sources in all subject areas)

- To search for more than one "concept", click on **Advanced Search** below the Search box
- In the first search box, type the search word(s) for one concept related to your topic. Type an **OR** between synonymous words for the same concept, e.g. ***"social networking" OR Facebook OR Twitter OR Youtube***
- Repeat the same step in subsequent search boxes for additional concepts, e.g. ***"internet addiction" in the second box, and teen* OR youth OR adolescen* in the third box***
- Click the "**Search**" button to begin a search
- When the results page is displayed, click on an article title to see detailed information and article summary.
- To see the full-text of an article, click on **PDF Full Text** or **HTML Full Text** at the left side of the page
- To e-mail an article, click on the e-mail button at the right of the article.
- To include a formatted article citation, select your desired format (e.g. MLA) in the email dialog box.