Developing Your Research Topic
Brainstorming Keywords Worksheet

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Fill-in your keywords
These words are called search terms

**Use the words in your word bank that best describe the major concepts about your topic. These words are your keywords.**

Type one keyword in the first search box and the 2nd keyword in the 2nd box. Try out your key words in the search box. Do **NOT** select a field.

Look at your search results. How many results did you get?

**Is your topic too broad?** If you are finding too much information, your topic may be too broad.

**Is your topic too narrow?** If you are not finding enough information, your topic may be too narrow.

**What are the major concepts of your research question?** Write your research question here. *(Example: How can parenting programs improve the education of homeless children?)*

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