**Writing Effective Search Statements**

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1. your **research question; please write your research question here.**  
  
 Is Africa ready for sustainable electricity?   
  
2. Please pick out the **key concepts** in the above research question. Next, list some **synonyms or alternate ways of phrasing** each of your key concepts. Use the form below.

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| *Key concepts* | *Synonyms or alternate ways of phrasing* |
| Sustainable electricity | Power/ energy; is Africa ready for clean energy? |
| Energy poverty | Power poverty; is Africa ready for clean energy? |
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3. Structure a search statement that you could use for researching the topic in a database.

Is Africa ready for sustainable energy (electricity) or not?

4. Consider your research question. What topics would your topic fall under? For instance, the topic “Does education play a role in reducing juvenile delinquents’; return to crime?” could be considered from the following perspectives; Education, Criminal justice, and Sociology.  
  
 Energy and power   
 Products   
 Energy   
 Power   
5. Which EbscoHost databases would you use to find sources related to your topic? Start at sau.edu>MySAU[upper right corner]>Library>Library databases>EbscoHost>EbsoHostWeb]. Once you are in EbscoHost, read the descriptions of all the databases within it and select all of the databases that match from a disciplinary perspective. ( For instance, if we look again at the sample topic in question 4 above, we may select the following databases; education research [education]; criminal justice abstracts [criminal justice]; and socIndex [sociology].)  
  
 Energy & Power Source (product)

Energy (product)

Power source (product)   
  
6. Use your search statement from above (#3) to run a search in your databases. Please write APA citation for one relevant source below.  
  
 Energy & Power Source | EBSCO. (2019). Retrieved 31 October 2019, from <https://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/energy-power-source>