

Brainstorming for Keywords

This worksheet will help you brainstorm a list of keywords that you can use when searching for resources like books, articles, or websites.

Step 1: Choose your research topic

This should be one sentence or phrase that describes what your paper or project is going to cover.

For example:

- *Use of mobile technology in the classroom*
- *Does gun control reduce violent crime*
- *Are ultrasound boutiques unethical*
- *Genetically modified food production*

Step 2: Identify key concepts

Key concepts are the main ideas that make up your topic. Try to think of 2-4 concepts that describe your topic. Each concept should only be 1 or 2 words.

For example:

- *If your topic is "use of mobile technology in the classroom," your concepts might include:*
 - *mobile technology*
 - *teaching*
 - *schools*



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Step 3: Generate keywords

Try to come up with at least three related keywords for each of your key concepts. Keywords can be synonyms, broader terms, more specific terms, or just related terms.

For example:

- *If your concept is "mobile technology," you might have keywords like:*
 - *Cellphones*
 - *Smart phones*
 - *iPads*