

3.093 Database Searching Worksheet
In Class November 21

Searching Databases in Various Disciplines

Work with your partner to identify the 2 best databases to search for the following topics. Start with Vera's subject list of databases. Whenever possible, use the database's Advanced search mode and thesaurus for the most powerful search methods. Fill out the worksheet below.

Please ask for assistance when you need it. Each database works a bit differently and we can show you some tips on using each effectively.

Topic #1: How are college freshmen affected by test anxiety?

Which databases are most appropriate for this topic? _____

Write down subject headings for this topic: _____

What is your search strategy? _____

How many results did you get? _____ Are they what you expect? _____

Can you refine your search strategy to get better results? _____

Write down two relevant citations on this topic:

Does MIT own the journals? _____

Topic #2: Do homosexual parents have adoption rights?

Which databases are most appropriate for this topic? _____

Write down subject headings for this topic: _____

Write down your search strategy: _____

How many results did you get? _____ Are they what you expect? _____

How can you refine your search strategy to get better results? _____

Write down two relevant citations on this topic:

Does MIT own the journals? _____

Topic #3: How has SFA [sales force automation] benefited pharmaceutical companies?

Which databases are most appropriate for this topic? _____

Write down subject headings for this topic: _____

Write down your search strategy: _____

How many results did you get? _____ Are they what you expect? _____

How can you refine your search strategy to get better results? _____

Write down two relevant citations on this topic:

Does MIT own the journals? _____