OneSearch Tips
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- Use keywords not natural language (the way you speak). (Natural language works with Siri but not here.)

- Use **AND** to narrow and **OR** to expand your search. (No need for caps)

- Don’t use **too many** keywords, especially when using AND.
  - Example: sugar AND “American diet”
    - **Not:** candy AND sugar AND research AND “American diet” AND “refined sugar”

- Use quote marks to search for exact wording.
  - Examples: “attention deficit disorder” “mobile devices” “Black Lives Matter”
    “helicopter parents” and anxiety (**But not:** “helicopter parents and anxiety”)

- Improve your results with limiters such as **date**, **type of publication** or **peer reviewed**.

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