# **Building a search for my research topic**

Research topic: Human rights of child asylum seekers

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|  | Main concept | Alternative term | Alternative term |
| Concept 1 | “asylum seeker\*” | refugee\* |  |
| Concept 2 | child\* | minor? | Juvenile\* |
| Concept 3 | “human rights” |  |  |

Tips:

Identify keywords and consider synonyms, alternative spellings, broader and narrower terms

* Apply truncation (usually \*) for alternative word endings and plurals
* Use wildcards (usually ?) to replace single characters
* Define relationships with Boolean logic:
  + - ’and’ for both terms
    - ’or’ for either term
    - ’not’ to exclude a term

**e.g. (“Asylum seeker\*” OR refugee\*) AND (child\* OR minor? OR juvenile\*) AND “human rights”**

**Your research question:**

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