Using the thesaurus
Articles in databases are given subject tags based on what they are about.

Sometimes these words aren’t used in the title or abstract so subject tags can be very useful when searching.

These tags are arranged in a hierarchy of broader and narrower terms.
If you’re not getting enough results when you search, the thesaurus might give you ideas of extra keywords to use.
Search for one of your terms in the thesaurus.

Click the word to see the subject tag to use.
Here, “learning disabilities” is being used as a subject tag when the article is about dyscalculia.

Click the notes icon to see a definition and related terms.
Tick boxes of subject tags you want to add to search for.

Then click add to search.

Tick Explode to automatically add any narrower terms to your search as well – only use this if there are any!
Your search will be updated with the subject tags you chose.

Some of your keywords may not appear in the thesaurus – you may only use it for one or two.

Play around with your searching to see what gets you the best results.