Refining Your Research Question

Tentative Research Question: What are the effective treatments for PTSD in pediatric patients?

Select the important parts of the question:
What are the effective treatments for PTSD in pediatric patients?

Brainstorm search terms for each unique concept in your research question. What language would a scholar use to talk about each?

Term 1: treat* OR therap*

AND Term 2: PTSD OR "post traumatic stress disorder"

AND Term 3: "pediatric patient*" OR child* OR "school age*

Note: the asterisk * helps find multiple endings of words and the quotation marks helps search for phrases.

Narrow and broaden your search

The more unique terms you use in your search, the smaller your results list will be.