Define your Research Topic and Identify your Terms

Be precise in identifying what you are looking for, and specific about your search concepts.

Topic Examples:

1. What are the best techniques to manage fatigue in cancer patients?

   **Key concepts for this topic** are:
   - manage -- this might include various therapies, nursing care, prevention, or rehabilitation
   - fatigue
   - cancer -- patients with any type of cancer?

2. What is the nurse practitioner’s role in preventing falls in the elderly?

   **Key concepts for this topic** are:
   - nurse practitioner -- in any type of clinical setting?
   - prevention -- also environmental controls
   - falls
   - elderly -- could be aged 65+ or frail elderly 80+

3. What impact has managed care had on the practice of midwifery?

   **Key concepts for this topic** are:
   - managed care -- this might include terms like HMO’s and health insurance
   - midwifery -- could be either nurse midwifery or lay midwifery