Answers to Exercise #3
Connect Concepts and Truncate Terms

Example

Search Topic
I need current peer review articles on patient education and adults with diabetes

Key Terms: patient education / adults / diabetes

- **Using and/or/not, write in the appropriate connector between each major concept**
  patient education **AND** adults **AND** diabetes

- **List those term(s) you would truncate below. Use truncation symbol**
  patient educat* (for educate, educating, education) / adult*(for adult(s)) / diabet* (for diabetes, diabetic)

Example

Search Topic
I need current articles in peer reviewed journals on recent trends in midwifery nursing, but not in Great Britain

- **Using and/or/not, write in the appropriate connector between each major concept**
  trends **AND** midwifery nursing **NOT** Great Britain

- **List those term(s) you would truncate below. Use truncation symbol**
  trend* (for trend(s))

Example

Search Topic
I need current articles in peer reviewed journals on nursing care of the patient with failure of the renal or kidney system

- **Using and/or/not, write in the appropriate connector between each major concept**
  nursing care **AND** renal **OR** kidney **AND** failure

- **List the term(s) you would truncate below. Use truncation symbol**
  fail* (for fail, failing, failure, failures)

Now that you’ve had some experience, **write out** your own search topic, **identify** your major concepts and truncated terms, and **determine** what connectors you would use to specify how these are to be searched.

When you are finished, please go to the Blackboard course page and click Library Tutorial #4.