Instructor Guide for
Combining Keywords Worksheet

(SPARK >> Exploring >> Research Strategies)

Note: Works best when used with the “Search Strategy” worksheet to first identify concepts.

Skills Addressed
- selecting appropriate keywords, synonyms, and related terms for each identified concept
- using Boolean Operators -- AND, OR and NOT -- to build effective searches

Suggested Uses
✓ Independent student use: Ask/ suggest that students read resource on their own and decide for themselves when/ if/ how they will use resource
  ○ Tip: This resource contains a useful “test your knowledge” section, which is particularly valuable for independent learning.

✓ Instructor-led Discussion: Devote lecture/ tutorial time to describing the resource, its purposes and uses, and/or incorporate description and use of resource into broader discussion focusing on building the skills the resource targets

✓ Small Group Discussion/Activity: Use to stimulate informal class/ tutorial discussion, and/or small group discussion
  ○ Tip: In groups, have students analyze topics and ask research questions relevant to course content, followed by the worksheet exercise.

Feedback / Evaluation Options
✓ Personal reflection and/or self-assessment

✓ Informally, in small group discussion: Assign to students to complete for sharing and discussion in small groups

☐ Peer Evaluation: Assign to students to complete independently, for more formal peer evaluation

✓ Instructor Evaluation: Assign to students to complete independently, or as one stage of a larger assignment, and hand in for formal instructor evaluation

✓ Tracking Completion without Evaluating: Assign to students to complete resource independently (on an ongoing basis, or at specific, appropriate times during the course), then hand in to instructor to track completion without assigning a specific grade to any individual completed resource

Potential Customization
This resource can easily be tailored to include specific research topics in most courses and disciplines.