

RESEARCH SKILLS

Here are five ways to develop your research skills.



1. BROWSE THROUGH THE WORLD WIDE WEB (TRY NOT TO GET LOST, THOUGH!)

The internet holds all the answers, but it is up to you to comb through the search results and find the right one. Start by looking up topics you've been taught in class. See what else you find out there.

2. LOOK FOR CREDIBILITY.

It's easy for anyone to put anything online, but it is up to you to figure out which sources are right and which ones are fake. Check government sites or educational sites for credible sources. Wikipedia can be edited by anyone - if you're using information from Wikipedia, look up the cited source and confirm if it's a credible one.

3. EXPERIMENT WITH KEYWORDS AND FILTERS.

Try using different terms and words to look for the same thing. Google also has filters that allow you to view recent articles or different types of articles. Experiment with them to see the kind of results you get while looking for a topic

4. SET UP GOOGLE ALERTS.

Think of topics you regularly look for information on, and set up Google alerts for the same. Go through the links shared in your inbox and filter the relevant ones. Make a list of why you think they're relevant.

5. USE THE RIGHT TOOLS.

Of course, you have Google as your go-to research guide. But have you tried checking out sites like WorldCat that give you the right journals and articles for your topics? Or even Britannica's Encyclopaedia, which can be a useful guide for credible information on relevant topics.