Finding journal articles

**Explore Your Topic**
- Your research will be easier if you understand what you are looking for.
- If possible, write down your topic in the form of a question.
- Write down the words that describe the main concepts of your topic.
- For each concept within your topic, list as many synonyms and related words as possible.
- For help finding these synonyms and understanding your topic, use sources that will give you background information, including:
  - Biology textbooks
  - Specialized dictionaries and encyclopedias, such as:
    - *Dictionary of Microbiology and Molecular Biology*
    - *McGraw-Hill Dictionary of the Life Sciences*
    - *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology*
  - Wikipedia (to be used sparingly)

**Go to the library website for online access to databases and journals.**

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