Crafting an Efficient Search

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Alternatives

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Issue: Put your research issue in a single simple sentence. **Terms**: Go to your issue sentence and underline the key legal and factual terms. **Alternatives**: Consider all reasonable synonyms (and antonyms) for your key terms. **Expanders**: Use the root expander and wild card characters to increase alternatives. **Connectors**: Link your ideas with the or, and, or other connectors. **Database**: Choose the smallest, most precise database for your search.	**Root Expander:** ! (test! = test, tested, testing...) **Wild Card:** * (dr*ve = drive or drove) **Connectors:** and or w/s (same sentence) w/p (same paragraph) w/# (within "#" words, e.g.: w/5)