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THE KEYWORD MENU APPROACH
Template

Concept 1		Concept 2		Concept 3	
	AND		AND		*Use 'OR' between synonyms*

<-------------------------------- *Use 'AND' between concepts* ------------------------------->
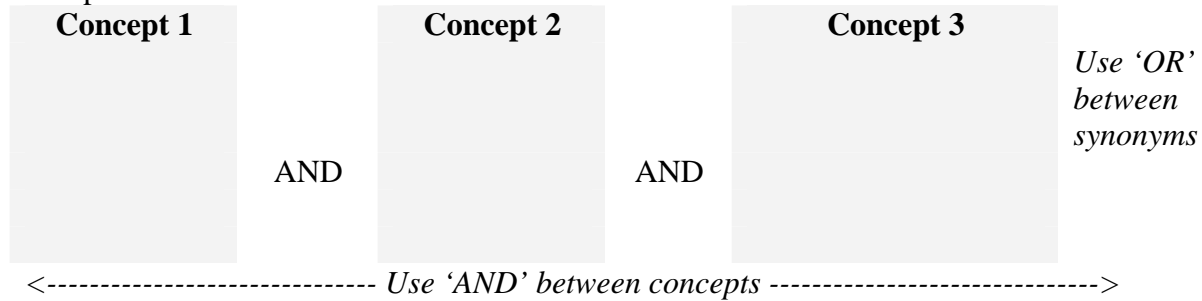
Example 1: Is there a connection between race, class and educational achievement?

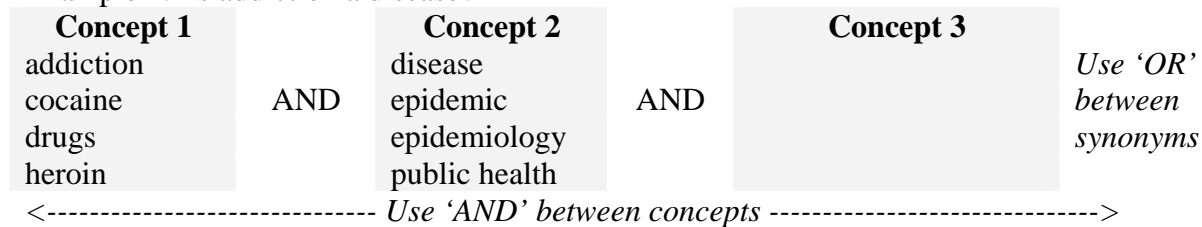| Concept 1		Concept 2		Concept 3	
race		poverty		academic achievement	*Use 'OR'*
racial	AND	income	AND	school success	*between*
ethnic		class			*synonyms*
ethnicity		socioeconomic			

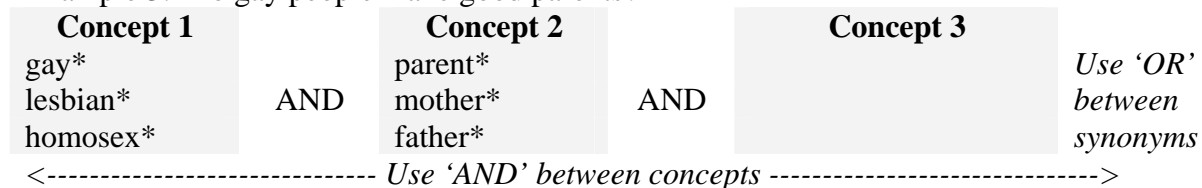*Use 'AND' between terms*
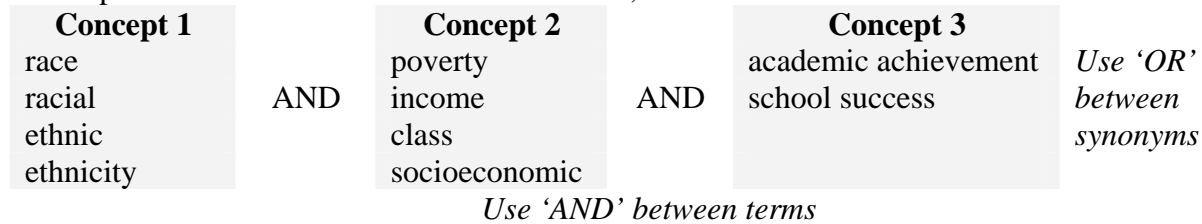
Search example:
race or racial or ethnic or ethnicity
AND poverty or income or class or socioeconomic
AND academic achievement or school success

Example 2: Is addiction a disease?

Concept 1		Concept 2		Concept 3	
addiction		disease			*Use 'OR'*
cocaine	AND	epidemic	AND		*between*
drugs		epidemiology			*synonyms*
heroin		public health			

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Example 3: Do gay people make good parents?

Concept 1		Concept 2		Concept 3	
gay*		parent*			*Use 'OR'*
lesbian*	AND	mother*	AND		*between*
homosex*		father*			*synonyms*

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Research Question: _____

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