



Selecting search terms

1. Review question

State your review question here, or if you prefer, use the title 'Helmets for preventing head and facial injuries in bicyclists' for this exercise.

2. Search terms and synonyms

In the table, list the components of your review question. For each concept, list as many alternative terms as you can. How might others in different countries or professions express the concept? Will you use wildcards in your search terms to allow for variations in spelling, truncation, etc.? Have you considered synonyms and opposites (e.g. drowsiness vs alertness)?

Population	Intervention	Comparison	Outcomes
Main concept	Main concept	Main concept	Main concept
Synonyms / search terms	Synonyms / search terms	Synonyms / search terms	Synonyms / search terms

3. Selecting core concepts

Most search strategies begin with two key concepts (e.g. the population and intervention). Adding additional concepts may only be necessary if the search remains too broad. Which two concepts do you think will be the most useful for your search?
