English 910

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1. You want to find information for your project and keep out the “noise,” that is, things that don’t belong.

2. You want information, but you should also look for clues—words or phrases or names or organizations that are in your results. You can use them as search terms if you need to find more information.

3. Getting more results is not always helpful. It’s better to get fewer results that are exactly what you need than get hundreds of results that don’t fit. Often, the motto to remember is “less is best.”

4. If you get no results, don’t panic—try other words, take out your least important word and see if anything shows up. Get help from a librarian.

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- Academic Search Complete
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