

# Search strategy - *construct a search statement*

Helping you to construct a search using your keywords

Topic with keywords underlined:

Examine the ethical issues confronting doctors in the current debate about euthanasia

**1**

LIST  
each keyword in  
the topic: your key  
concepts

**2**

ADD  
synonyms - *similar  
and related words* -  
under each key  
concept

**3**

ADD  
search operator *OR*  
to find either word

**4**

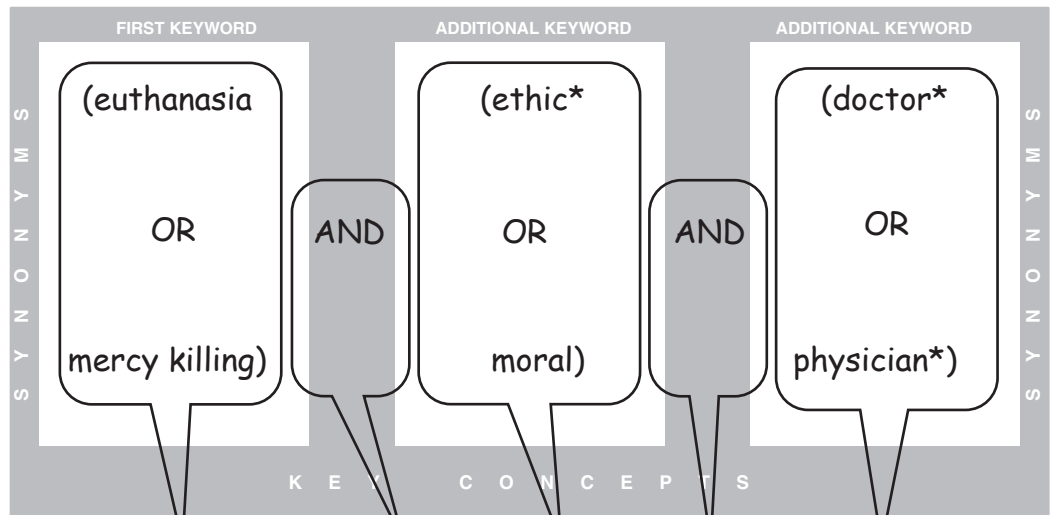
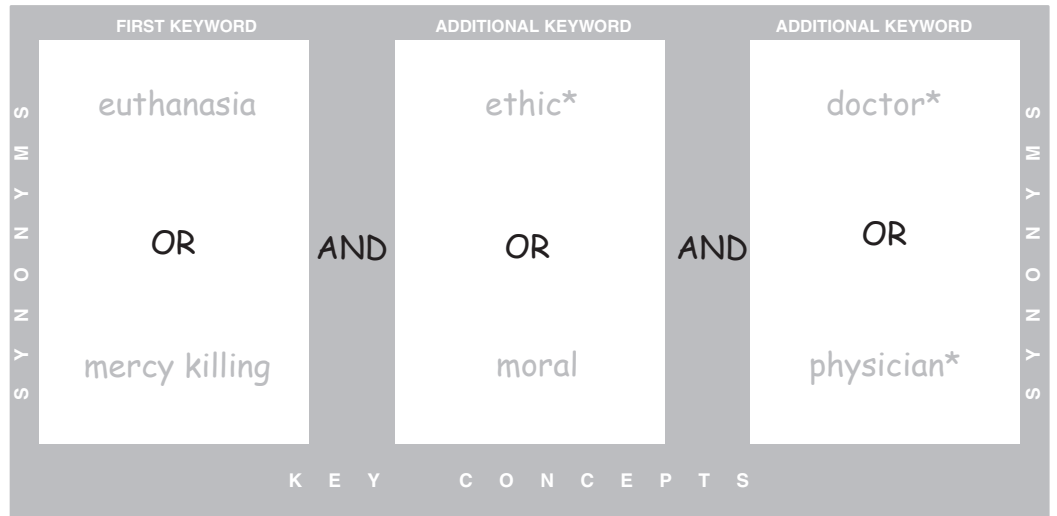
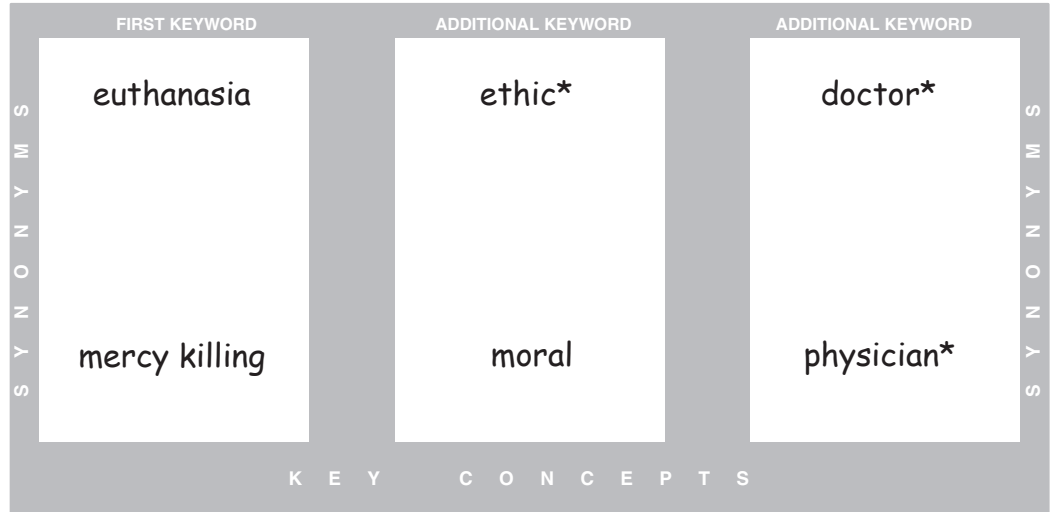
ADD  
search operator  
*AND* to search for  
all of the key  
concepts identified

**5**

CONSTRUCT  
the search  
statement by  
isolating each key  
concept with  
brackets

**6**

SEARCH  
STATEMENT



(euthanasia OR mercy killing) AND (ethic\* OR moral) AND (doctor\* OR physician\*)