TESOL RESEARCH
Searching in the Databases and Beyond
Let’s Begin...
In this Tutorial

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Ask a librarian

The Education Databases

5 Options for Obtaining Articles

Database Features & Search Strategies

Searching on a Topic in a Journal

Searching for a Specific Article

Searching for Works by an Author
Each of these databases includes records on articles in unique sets of journals, many of which are available full text.
Education Research Databases

The Top 3:

ERIC
Education Research Complete
Education Full Text

For these and additional databases, visit our Education Databases web page, www.ohiodominican.edu/library/articles/edu

Off-campus access information is available at www.ohiodominican.edu/library/offcampus
To learn more about the content covered in each database, click on the “i” icons, available at
www.ohiodominican.edu/library/articles/edu.

They may include journal articles, reviews, and other types of documents and publications.

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5 Options for Obtaining Articles

- Full text from Library Database
- In Journal on Shelf in Library
- Full text through ODU Library Catalog
- Interlibrary Loan Request
- OhioLINK Library Visit

Back to the Selections
Full text from Library Database

Krashen's Input Hypothesis and English classroom teaching.
Subjects: ENGLISH language -- Study & teaching; CLASSROOM environment; ENGLISH language -- Study & teaching -- Foreign speakers; LIMITED English-proficient students; SECOND language acquisition; KRASHERN, Stephen

Database: Education Research Complete

Add to folder

PDF Full Text (70KB) | Find It!

Look for PDF Full Text (above) or HTML Full Text.

If neither is available, click on “Find It!” to see if you can find it full text in another database.

Back to your Options for Obtaining Articles
If you needed to find the following article, how might you get it?


Go to the Library home page and type in the JOURNAL TITLE in the Library Catalog search box. Select “Title” as your Search option. Click on Search.
Can you connect to that volume online?

It looks like you have 2 options: 2 databases have 2013 online full text, Wiley and EJC.

Note: the hyphens above, (1996)– and (2011)–, mean that the databases have volumes from 1996 & 2011, respectively, through the current year.

Back to your Options for Obtaining Articles
In a Journal in ODU Library

If you needed to find the following article, how might you get it?


Your First Step:

Go to the Library home page and type in the JOURNAL TITLE in the Library Catalog search box. Select “Title” as your Search option. Click on Search.

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In a Journal in ODU Library

Your Second Step: Remember the year/volume you need (2013, vol. 47), as well as the issue (2). Can you find that volume and issue?

You have 2 Options: Potential Full text online OR Finding it on a Shelf in the Library

In this case, it’s available in the Reading Room in Spangler.

Back to your Options for Obtaining Articles
Interlibrary Loan Request

If you can’t obtain an article through ODU Library’s databases, ODU Library Catalog, or in the ODU Library Collection in Spangler, then Interlibrary Loan is another option.

You have 2 possible approaches to accessing ODU’s Interlibrary Loan system, known as ILLiad:

1. If you are in a database, have identified the article you need, but don’t find full text: You can connect to ILLiad from the database (learn more…)

2. If you have identified an article in a bibliography, for example, and can’t find the article mentioned in any ODU database or the journal mentioned in the ODU Library Catalog: You can connect to ILLiad from the library home page (learn more…)
If you click on “Find It!” and find no full text and nothing in the ODU Library Catalog, as shown here…

Then you have the option of getting a copy via Interlibrary Loan…
Connect to ILLiad from a database

Log in (after you have registered as a first-time user...)

First Time User Registration
Forgot Your Password? Send an email to illservices@ohiodominican.edu

Next
Connect to ILLiad from a database

And ILLiad has already filled out your online request form for you!

Just scroll down & hit submit.
ILLiad

For more information about creating an ILLiad user account, requesting Interlibrary Loans, & policies, please view the Interlibrary Loan Guide at www.ohiodominican.edu/library/help/guides.

Or visit www.ohiodominican.edu/library/ill.

If you need assistance, ask a librarian.
Connect to ILLiad from library home

Just click on Interlibrary Loan from the left menu options…
Connect to ILLiad from library home

And click on “Connect to ILLiad”...
Connect to ILLiad from library home

If you are requesting an article, select “Article” under New Request & fill out the online form.
For more information about creating an ILLiad user account, requesting Interlibrary Loans, & policies, please view the Interlibrary Loan Guide at www.ohiodominican.edu/library/help/guides.

Or visit www.ohiodominican.edu/library/ill.

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OhioLINK Library Visit

If an OhioLINK Library has the journal and volume you need, it most likely will not allow you to check out that journal.

In this case, however, you may still be able to get a copy via Interlibrary Loan OR go to that library and read or photocopy the journal article there.

Ask a librarian for assistance.
Databases: Features & Strategies

- Search Basics
- Searching on a Research Topic
- Refining your Search
- Reading the Results
- Effectively Using a Database Record
- Knowing your Options

Choose from these Skill Sets to Learn More

Back to the Selections
Search Basics

Start with 2–4 keywords for your search terms—no more.
Each keyword/phrase should represent a major element of your topic.

Then try synonyms, related terms.

Look for terms to use in the articles, article abstracts, and elsewhere in the catalogs and databases.
Sample Topic: The effects of pre-reading strategies on reading comprehension in English language learners.

Keywords: ① pre-reading  
② reading comprehension  
③ English language learners

What other words could you use (synonyms, related terms)?
Sample Topic: The effects of pre-reading strategies on reading comprehension in English language learners. Synonyms & Related Terms:
Searching on a Research Topic

Keywords used as search terms:

1. pre-reading
2. AND "second language" or "I2 or ESL or TESOL"
3. AND "reading comprehension" or "reading skills"

Back to Database Features & Strategies
Refining your Search

A search for information on the topic of Russian ESLs might start with a broad search such as the one below...

In 1st search box: *Words that reflect Russian students*
TIP #1: Use * to find Russian or Russians)
TIP #2: Keep the AND that the database has to ensure you find this term
AND one of the terms in the next search box

In 2nd search box: *Words that reflect English as a second language*
TIP #1: Use “” for exact match to a phrase)
TIP #2: Use OR to find any one of these terms in your search
You can then begin to refine, or focus, on just certain results using the database features:

- Scholarly, peer-reviewed journals
- Publication date range
- Other source types
- Or even by subjects, offered by the database
- Or geography (not shown)
Let's look at #3.

Click on the title to get the full database record with abstract & more options.

#3 is from a scholarly journal.

Review the Subjects to determine the focus of the article and to help identify new search terms to continue your searching.

Our search terms appear in bold.

Hover over magnifying glass for article abstract.

Author & Journal info.

View article’s references available in the database.

Look for “Full Text” for the full article. If not available, then click on “Find It!” to try to find it in the ODU Library Catalog or another database.

Back to Database Features & Strategies.
Effectively Using a Database Record

- Takes you back to your Results
- Your citation info
- Verify the document type
- Scan the subjects, any author keywords, and the abstract for information & search terms

- Want to see what else the database has that has been written by this author? Click on the name.
- Need to contact the author? Contact info provided.
- Want to do a new search dealing with intonation? Use the subject link to get you started.

Back to Database Features & Strategies
Knowing your Options

To use this option most effectively, see the MyEBSCO Tutorial.

Full text or “Find It!” is usually here

Traditional Output Options

Option to Cite in APA – But beware, not always accurate. Double-check against APA manual

Click to obtain “Permalink”—safe link back to this record & full-text article, if available
Knowing your Options: Find It!

Full text is usually in this space if available in another database.

Other Options—View details in the ODU Library Catalog:
1. In print in the library
2. Online through the ODU Library Catalog

A 3rd Option: Visit an OhioLINK Library that has the journal—View holdings statewide

A 4th Option: Get a copy via Interlibrary Loan

Back to Database Features & Strategies
A search for information on teaching pronunciation to Japanese English language learners could start with a search such as the one below in a leading TESOL journal like *TESOL Quarterly*...

In the 1\textsuperscript{st} search box: your journal/publication name
And select from the 1\textsuperscript{st} drop-down menu: SO Publication Name

In the 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} search boxes: words representing your topic
Searching for a Specific Article

A search for the following article would look like one of the ones below:


Use 1–2 unique elements of the citation in your search:
- Author last name
- Article title
- Journal title.
For an effective search for articles by Stephen Krashen, search as shown below:

Note: last name first, first name

Also, be sure to search in multiple databases.

Of course, to search for books or essays in books by an author, you need to use library catalogs.
Need assistance?

Ask a librarian:
- (614) 251–4585
- Toll-free (888) 681–8044
- refdesk@ohiodominican.edu
- www.ohiodominican.edu/library/help
- www.ohiodominican.edu/library/help/ask

for more information & options