

Strategic Searching

Directions

Choose a large city in another state. Imagine that you work at a company located in that city. Each year, your company has a yearly “employee appreciation” gathering. You are part of a group that is planning the event, and your boss asked you to find a park in the local area where you can have a picnic. The company has 50 employees. Money is tight, so you have to find a free or inexpensive location. Here is what you know you need:

- Public park (not private)
- An area to play games and do team-building activities
- A covered area in case it rains
- Restrooms

Your boss needs a recommendation in 15 minutes. Take 5 minutes to plan your search, using the strategies you’ve already learned about, and 10 minutes to come up with a suggestion.

Fill out the sections below to plan your SEARCH. Then write down the location you chose.

Select research questions.

What question(s) do you have? Write the question(s) below.

Extract keywords and terms.

Be broad or specific, depending on your goals. Use synonyms, and apply some of the strategies you learned. Write your keywords below.

Apply search strategies.

What search strategies will help you find the information you need? Write down your keywords with search strategies applied.

Run your search.

Search using the terms that you chose and look at the results. Remember to check out several sources.

Chart your search.

Keep track of what you searched for and where, so that you don't repeat work. Jot down what you searched for and where you searched for it.

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City you chose: _____

Name of park you chose: _____

URL of park: _____