

# How to **research** like a pro

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

**Are you struggling to find the information you need for your assignment?**

**See some of the tips below to help you research like a pro.**

## Define the question

The first step to research is to understand the question you have been asked.

Read the question and criteria sheet carefully. This will show you the areas you will be graded on.

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## Identify key terms

By breaking down your research question into its key terms, you can identify what you are being asked to do. Highlight the key words and action words in your question.

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## Find synonyms for your key terms

Once you identify your key terms, look for synonyms (other words with a similar meaning) that you can use in your search. You can use <http://www.thesaurus.com/> to come up with some ideas.

Keyword 1:	Keyword 2:	Keyword 3:
Clothing	Weapons	Soldier
armour	equipment	military
uniform		legionary

## Identify the missing words in the question

Write down the missing words in your question. These might be words about your topic that are not directly mentioned in the question.

Ancient Rome, Ancient civilisation, Roman Army

## Plan your search

If you are using a book, think of what terms you might find in the index or table of contents.

If you are using Google, think of the keywords you might find on the website. See the [Google search tips](#) page on [BHSLibraryOnline.com](http://BHSLibraryOnline.com) for tips to develop your search strategy.

### DON'T ASK GOOGLE QUESTIONS!

Google scans websites for all the words typed into the search bar.

Instead of asking Google a question, think about how the answer would be phrased and search for that.

"Ancient Rome" military clothing weapons  
"Roman army" uniform  
Use a traditional Google search and a Google Image search