## Preparing to write a research paper



- 1. What is the **topic** that you want to research?
- 2. What do you already know about your topic?

3. What do you need to know in order to better understand your topic? List at least three questions that you can explore.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4. What **types of sources** might help you find the information you need to know?

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5. Appropriate **vocabulary** is very important when you're looking for finding information. Sometimes you will have to use **synonyms or related words** to find information on your topic.

In the space below, write down as many words as you can think of that are related to your topic.

## EXAMPLE

My topic is: the impact of advertising on teen smoking habits. Related words:	
Teenagers	Marketing
Youth	Advertising
Adolescents	Cancer
Young adults	Peer pressure
Cigarettes	Gender
Tobacco	Tobacco laws
Health issues	

