

# UU100- Communication Information and Literacy

## E-Portfolio Activity 2

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**PART A**

<b>Resource 1</b>	<b>An online encyclopedia article that provides background information on Global warming.</b>					
Search tool	Britannica Encyclopedia Basic Search					
Search strategy	<p>The Britannica Encyclopedia was selected from the list of databases from the Library link in the USP Website and the Basic Search was used.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Search terms</b></th> <th><b>Search strategy</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>“Background Information” “Global Warming”</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 phrase search</li> <li>- Default Boolean AND</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The only result produced was <i>Global warming (Earth Science)</i></p>		<b>Search terms</b>	<b>Search strategy</b>	“Background Information” “Global Warming”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 phrase search</li> <li>- Default Boolean AND</li> </ul>
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Citation	(Global Warming, 2012)					
<b>Resource 2</b>	<b>A government Website that provides empirical evidence of Global warming.</b>					
Search tool	Meta crawler Advance Search					
Search strategy	<p>The following search strategy was used:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Search terms</b></th> <th><b>Search strategy</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Global Warming “Empirical Evidence” .gov</td> <td>                     All of these words                      This exact phrase                      Search in this Domain                 </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Meta crawler does not provide the exact number of search results obtained from this search strategy. The selected government website from this search was found on Yahoo search</p>		<b>Search terms</b>	<b>Search strategy</b>	Global Warming “Empirical Evidence” .gov	All of these words This exact phrase Search in this Domain
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Citation	(Hansen et al, 1984)					
<b>Resource 3</b>	<b>An online magazine article that presents a controversial perspective on Global warming.</b>					
Search tool	ProQuest Basic search,					
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Citation	(Parsons, 2009)				
Resource 4	<b>An online news article about the impact of Global warming on low lying pacific island.</b>				
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### **Part B**

The proQuest Search was initially used however the advanced search produced Zero results therefore other search engines were used such as Encyclopedia Britannica Basic Search, MetaCrawler Advanced Search, MetaCrawler Basic search and Proquest Basic Search.

One feature of Britannica that was useful in the search is;

- There are various categories to browse from which are visible on the front page, which was helpful in searching from the right category to find the relevant result;

Furthermore, the feature of ProQuest Basic Search that was useful is;

- The option of searching for the full text or only the Abstract. The search engine provides a way for the researcher to read through the Abstract first and if it provides relevant Information through identification of key words then the researcher will then read through the full text provided.

And finally, the one feature of MetaCrawler that was useful is;

- The ability of this particular search engine to search all other search engine such as, Google, Yahoo and Bing and each search engine indicates the search engine where it was found. It was helpful to identify where the results are found- that is, from the different search engines.

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