**Question:** State the question you are trying to answer

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**Well-built answerable question:**
## Major concepts to build search strategy

- Name the major concepts in your question (generally, the setting, perspective, intervention and comparison).
- Note any synonyms, spelling variations and abbreviations.
- Identify text words or phrases found in relevant citations, if applicable.
- Identify subject headings or controlled vocabulary used in the databases selected to search. Different databases may have different subject headings for the same concept.
- Combine terms within a concept group with **OR**. Combine different concepts with **AND**.

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- Keep in mind that building a search strategy is an *iterative* process. As searching progresses, revise as needed.