Searching for articles is important because these articles will help you develop a better understanding on your topic. If you’re working on a real world organizational issue, the articles might identify similar situations and discuss how others have tackled the same issue. The articles might also provide unique insights or solutions into a problem area.

**SAMPLE TOPIC**

Conflict resolution in organizations

**CONSTRUCTING A SEARCH PHRASE**

Below are a few tips on constructing a search phrase:

- Identify key concepts in your topic and combine with AND.
  
  `conflict resolution AND organizations`

- Use quotation marks “” to find articles with that *exact phrase*.
  
  “conflict resolution” AND organizations

- If possible, think of alternate keywords for your concepts. Use OR to search for either keywords.
  
  (“conflict resolution” OR “conflict management”) AND (organizations OR workplace)

- Finally, use the truncation symbol * to search variations of a stem word. For eg. organization* will find articles with the words organization, organizations, organizational.
  
  (“conflict resolution” OR “conflict management”) AND (organization* OR workplace*)

**LOCATING ARTICLES ON YOUR TOPIC**

*Business Source Complete*

Covers articles on business topics. The articles may come from academic journals, general business magazines and newspapers. Watch this demonstration [video](#).