Identifying Articles

Search ERIC (1966-present) – www.lib.clemson.edu>Find Articles & Databases>Foreign Languages>Find Articles

Combine words or phrases in "Default Fields" searches, for example:
- class activities and french and music
- spanish and methods and subjunctive
- german and grammar and game*
- learning strategies and russian

Sample descriptors (subject headings) used in ERIC:
- teaching methods
- grammar
- classroom techniques
- songs
- class activities
- music
- writing exercises
- games
- vocabulary development
- peer teaching
- multilevel classes
- computer assisted instruction

Check the Thesaurus or the Indexes to locate other terms used in ERIC.

Use the “Limit your results” options to limit a search by date, education level, format (journal article or ERIC document), etc.

Use * to allow for different word endings.

other article indexes:
- MLA Bibliography – www.lib.clemson.edu>Find Articles & Databases>Foreign Languages>Find Articles
- Language Teaching (1968-present) – P 51 .L33 (also online, 2002-present)
- Education Index (1929-present) – REF Index Table #9

Locating Articles

1. Use “Full Text” links to go directly to the full-text of an article.
2. If an article is NOT full-text in a database, find out if the library owns the journal.
   a. Use the “Check Clemson Library Holdings” link to go to the catalog and find out if the library owns the journal in print or online. (If the database you’re using doesn’t have a link to the catalog, use the Library Catalog link on the library homepage.)
   b. If the journal is available in print, use the call number to find it in the library.
   c. If the journal is available online, use the link in the catalog record or go to the E-Journal Finder to access the article you need online.

3. If you are searching the catalog directly, do a title search for the journal, NOT the article.
4. Locating ERIC documents – if they are not full-text online, use the ED number to find them on microfiche in Reserves (Level 2, Cooper Library)

Finding Books

Search the library catalog.

Try keyword searches, for example:
- german language and teaching
- languages and teaching and testing
- languages and teaching and games
- vocational and foreign language*
Use * to allow for different word endings.

Keyword searches list the most recent publications first.

Try subject searches, for example:
- french language-study and teaching
- german language-study and teaching
- spanish language-study and teaching
- language and culture-study and teaching
- immersion method language teaching
- [country name]-social life and customs

To find a book IN a specific language:

Do an Advanced Search and select a language from the "Language" drop-down menu before doing a search.
Finding DVDs, Videos, CDs, and Reference Books

Search the library catalog.

To find DVDs or videos: on the Basic Search screen, select DVDs/Videos from the drop-down menu to the right of the search box. Then type the search.

To find DVDs or videos in a specific language, do an Advanced Search. Select "DVD or Video" in the "Material Type" drop-down menu and the language in the Language drop-down menu. To find all the DVDs or videos in a specific language, select the language, then type "videorecording" in the "Any Keyword" search box.

To find CDs, do an Advanced Search. Select "Music Recording" in the Material Type drop-down menu. Type a search in the "Any Keyword" search boxes, for example:

- peru folk songs and franco wagner

To find all the recordings in a specific language, also select a language from the "Material Type" drop-down menu, then type "sound recording" in the "Any Keyword" search box.

To find reference books, do keyword searches:

- For language dictionaries:
  - french and dictionaries
  - spanish and dictionaries

- For cultural or historical sources:
  - germany and encyclopedias
  - spain and dictionaries

Reference Books about Countries and Cultures

- Culturegrams (REF DESK GT 1 .C85)
- Encyclopedia of World Cultures (REF GN 307 .E53 1991)
- Countries and Their Cultures (REF GN 307 .C68 2001)

Online Research Sources

On the Library’s homepage: www.lib.clemson.edu > Find Articles & Databases > Foreign Languages

For More Assistance

Please come to the Reference Desk on Level 4 of Cooper Library.
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Foreign Language Teaching

Selected Information Resources