Keywords and search strategies

Watch the video titled Keywords and Search Strategies and then complete this activity.

Step 1 - Identify keywords and synonyms
From the following research topic, identify the keywords and write it down.
“The lack of physical activity in children's development”

What are some of the synonyms (alternative words) or related words? For example, physical activity OR sport

Step 2 - Put your keywords together
Using the keywords you have identified, write down the word combinations. An example of this is: Child growth OR child* development
The following search tips will be useful to combine your keywords and retrieve the best results.

| **Boolean logic** – using AND, OR and NOT e.g. obesity AND child development |
| **Truncation** – find all forms of a word by using an asterisk * e.g. inactiv* will retrieve inactive, inactivity and inactivation |
| **Wildcard** – search for various spelling by using a hash # symbol e.g. behavio#r will find both the British spelling (behaviour) and the American spelling (behavior) |