

Key Words Worksheet for Index or Online Searches

Topics	Key Words	
	General	Specific
<p><u>Parties or People:</u></p> <p>What kinds of parties or people are involved? What is the legal relationship of the parties? (invitee, guardian, debtor, tenant, etc.)</p>		
<p><u>Thing or Subject Matter:</u></p> <p>What things and places are involved? What groups do these things or places fall into? E.g.: automobile – vehicles, apartment – housing, redwood tree – forest.</p>		
<p><u>Legal Theory:</u></p> <p>What kind of legal action is it and/or what kind of legal defense can be raised? E.g. negligence, mandamus.</p>		
<p><u>Relief or Remedy Sought:</u></p> <p>What does the person bringing the lawsuit want? E.g. restitution, damages</p>		

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