



## HANDOUT E-11. Plan B Checklist

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Can't find what you want on the Web? Try these strategies.

### Step 1: Check your keywords

- Are your keywords spelled correctly?
- Did you use topic + focus?
- Did you put quotation marks around phrases?
- Other:

### Step 2: Check the website

- Did you use Edit>Find to scan for your keywords?
- Did you look for a site map?
- Did you check to see if there's a search tool on this site?
- Did you look for links that might lead somewhere useful?
- Did you find a link that lets you send an e-mail to the author?
- Did you notice related keywords that you could try next?
- Other:

### Step 3: Try a new approach

- Did you try a new website?
- Did you try different keywords (in a keyword driven search engine like Google)?
- Did you try different categories (in a directory-based search engine like Yahoo)?
- Did you try a different question (in a natural language search engine like Ask.com)?
- Other:

### Step 4: Try a new search engine

- Have you tried Yahoooligans, KidsClick, and Ask.com?
- Have you tried Google, Yahoo, and WebCrawler?
- Other:

### Step 5: Try a new topic or focus

- Did you try a new focus area?
- Did you try a new topic that's similar?
- Other:

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