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• Can see immediately whether one article is available in full text, or if not, request via Interlibrary Loan directly;  
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• Efficacy of Similar Articles for Peer Reviewed Articles. | • You need to know to lock the filters in order to change your keywords;  
• Not all PSU full text journals are indexed here;  
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• if you are exploring a topic (especially an interdisciplinary one) and not sure where to start or what keyword(s) to use;  
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