

# Texas Tech Library Research Exercises

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## Quiz

Use the Texas Tech library website (<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/library/>) to answer the following questions.

1. Name three databases that would be good to use if you were researching different species of cacti.
2. In which subject areas does personal librarian Ian Barba have expertise?
3. If you wanted to look up information on various companies to see their annual business reports, name two databases you could use.

## Personalized Exercise

1. Write down the topic you plan to research.
2. Write down two specific questions you have about that topic that you would like answers to.
3. Figure out which subject area(s) as listed on the Texas Tech library site would probably cover your research questions.
4. Write down the name of the personal librarian in charge of your subject area.
5. Find two databases that might be helpful for finding sources related to your topic.
6. Find one article through either of those databases that you think you could use as a source for your topic.
7. Find two major academic journals in your subject area.
8. By searching within those journals specifically, find one article you think you could use as a source for your topic.
9. Write full works cited entries in either MLA or APA style for both items you found.

Post or send the results of the quiz and the exercise to the location requested by your instructor.