

RANGE OF RESEARCH

Strong research papers use a variety of sources:

Empirical Sources

- interviews
 - experts
 - peers
 - consultants
 - sales people
 - repair people
 - consumers
- questionnaires
- letters of inquiry
- observation and experiment
- surveys
- analysis of samples
- trips
- calculations

Electronic Sources

- CDs and DVDs
- blogs
- databases
- email
- listserve archives
- web pages
- newsgroups

Print Sources

- books
- journals and magazines
- indexes
- abstracts
- guides to literature
- catalogs of government publications
- microforms
- reference
 - encyclopedias
 - bibliographies
 - handbooks
 - dictionaries
 - almanacs
 - directories