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Journal Name

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Availability
Available in paper and on microfiche
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Journal or Document
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Educational Level
Early Childhood Education
Preschool Education
Elementary Secondary Education

Making Limits Work For You!
You can reduce the number of results you receive by applying limits to your search. You can choose to limit your search to articles that have the full-text, are in a specific journal, concern a specific education level, are directed toward a specific audience, and several other useful criteria.

Using the Search Results Page

After running a successful search, a list of records that match your search criteria will appear. The number of records your search retrieved is indicated at the top of the list.

Hint—Use the **Add** icon to add selected records to your folder for later viewing. Great way to handle a long results list.

Search Results Page showing search criteria: **ERIC for discovery learning And metacognition**. The search results list includes:

- 1. [Triple Scheme of Learning Support Design for Scientific Discovery Learning Based on Computer Simulation: Experimental Research](#) Zhang, Jianwei; Chen, Qi; Sun, Yanqing; Reid, David J.; Journal of Computer Assisted **Learning**, v20 n4 p269-282 Aug 2004 (EJ686082)
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There are several options for finding the full-text of an article. If the record includes a blue underlined full-text link (**Linked Full Text OR Full Text from ERIC**), just click on the link to retrieve the full-text of the article. If there is no full-text link, click “Check Article Availability.” This will execute a search of other databases in order to locate the article electronically. If the full-text is not available electronically, you will be given a link to PittCat to search for a print version of the journal.

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Using the ERIC Thesaurus

The Thesaurus provides you with *ERIC* subject headings (descriptors) that will allow you to search for specific concepts indexed in the database.

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Select term, then add to search using: Explode

(Click term to display details.)

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- Able Students (1966-1978) Use [Academically Gifted](#)
- Abnormal Psychology Use [Psychopathology](#)
- Aboriginal People Use [Indigenous Populations](#)
- [Abortions](#)
- Abreaction Use [Catharsis](#)
- Absence (Employees) Use [Employee Absenteeism](#)
- Absence (Students) Use [Attendance](#)
- Absence (Teachers) Use [Employee Absenteeism](#) ; [Teacher Attendance](#)**
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For example, in this screen shot, if you were looking for information on Teacher Absence, you would get better results searching for Employee Absenteeism or Teacher Attendance. The thesaurus will also allow you to click on any subject heading to retrieve a list of narrower terms, broader terms, and/or related terms, as in the example below.

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Select term, then add to search using:

[Teacher Attendance](#)

Scope Note Teachers' presence for classroom and other assigned duties (Note: Use "Teacher Participation" for attendance at unassigned functions)

Broader Terms [Attendance](#)

Related Terms [Employee Absenteeism](#)

[Sabbatical Leaves](#)

[Substitute Teachers](#)

[Teacher Behavior+](#)

[Teacher Discipline+](#)

[Teacher Dismissal](#)

[Teachers+](#)

To search for a subject heading, simply checkmark the box beside the term and click Add. You can also construct searches that combine several subject headings by using the "and," "or" and "not" operators from the drop-down menu.

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