

Exercise #2

Talking to the Public about Databases

In this exercise you will focus on library and electronic resource terminology, thinking of commonly used jargon and how best to explain terms to someone else.

A. Write simple definitions to commonly used library terminology.

1. Write five to 10 jargon terms used in libraries to describe licensed databases.
 - If you need examples, go to your library's Databases page and use terms you find there.
2. Write a succinct definition that you think would help an adult library user (or teen) understand a concept.

Jargon

Explanation

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B. Work with a partner to refine your definitions.

1. Have one person play the "library user" and ask for a definition of one of the jargon terms off of that person's own list. The partner will give a succinct definition without using library jargon.
2. Switch roles and repeat the process until you have each asked for definitions of at least three of your terms from your partner.
3. Make notes to simplify and improve your own definitions.