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Search, refine, evaluate: Teaching students using only 3 words

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“I just use Google instead”

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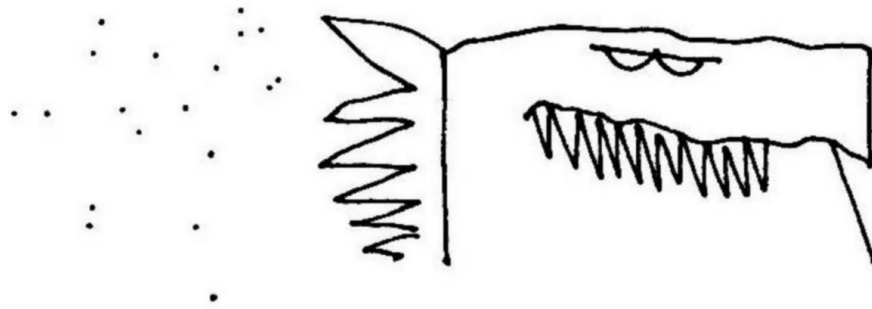




“All the great performers had something in their eyes. It was that 'I know something that you don't know.' And I wanted to be that kind of performer.”

- Bob Dylan, 2005

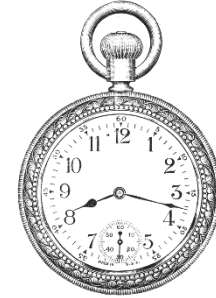
Never try to sell a meteor to
a Dinosaur. It wastes your time
and annoys the Dinosaur.



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- 24/7 opening
- Free music streaming – [Desktop DJ](#)
- Obscene cost of many academic journals
- Auto-referencing tools & citation trackers
- Statistical data – Public Health England's [Local Health](#) tool

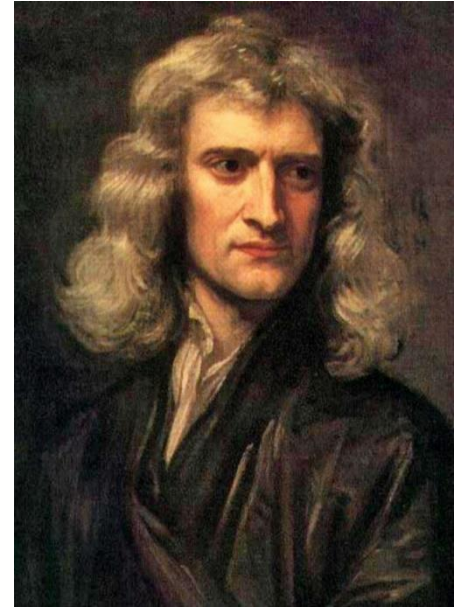
I can show you something else you don't know...



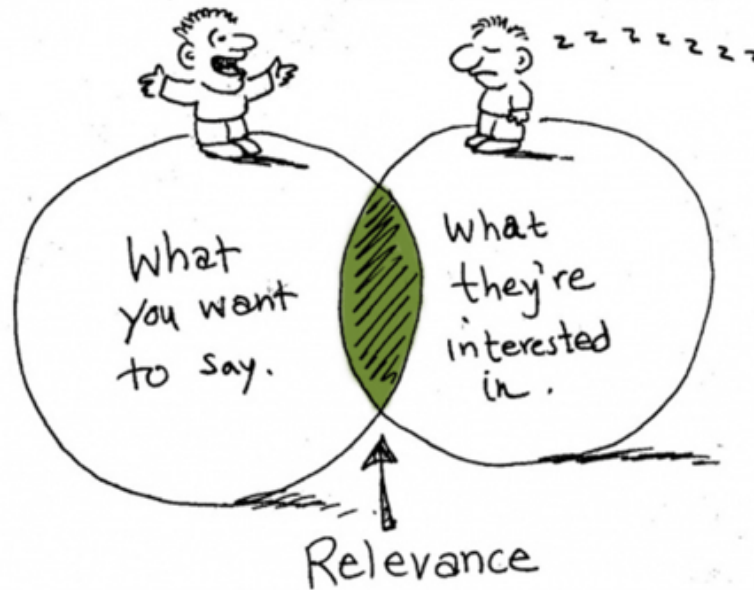
- How to work more effectively: **Search, refine, evaluate**
- 3 stage plan:
 - Establish authority
 - Provide a *realistic* demonstration
 - Advocate other services

On the ground and online

- Pick a topic, run the search
- Eyeball the results
- Run further searches
- Discuss the results
 - CRAAP test
 - Standing on the shoulders of giants
 - NHS [Behind the Headlines](#)
 - Citation trackers (yes, again)
 - [JSTOR Labs Text Analyser](#)
- Fast, fast, fast: *As a patron might, if just googling it...*
- Key theme: Harnessing existing skills



Closing reflections



- Concerns: Service relevance and trivialisation
- The smartphone test
- A supplementary tool among many
- Formative conversations... Which go on...

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