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Definition: Research involves the systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions.

Reliable Sources: The internet is full of false information. The best way to know if your resource is reliable is by the end of the URL.

✓ Good	.edu .gov	These resources almost always have reliable information that you could use in your essay.
? Maybe	.com .org	These sources often have bias and anyone can create these types of websites. However, there are official organizations and companies that use these as well. Make sure you approach the source of information critically.
✗ Nope	.space .us .blog	These are free domain URLs that are typically associated with an individual's website or blog. They often contain personal opinion rather than facts and data. Good research doesn't come from just anybody, so do not use these kinds of resources.

Scholarly Sources: If you are looking for peer-reviewed, scholarly sources, such as journals, studies, or theses, consider the following sources:

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In-Text Citation: It is important for your research that you cite any quotes you may use in APA or MLA format. Here are some quick examples:

APA:

According to Hackney (2023), “The nursing program at OSU-OKC is one of a kind” (p. 42).

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MLA:

According to Hackney, “The nursing program at OSU-OKC is one of a kind” (42).

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Research Log: Make notes as you conduct your research, and be sure to write down exactly where all of your evidence came from for later citation.

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