Generating a Key Words List:

After obtaining a general topic:

- Write a sentence or two about your topic
- Underline the key words in your sentence(s)
- Create a list for these key words
- Add more by writing down synonyms

Example:

General Topic: Rainforest
Sentence: I want to write about animals found in a rainforest such as monkeys or snakes.

Key words: animals → mammals → reptiles
              rainforest → Amazon → tropical forest
              monkeys → apes → orangutan
              snakes → boa constrictor → viper

Why is this important:

The key words will help find relevant information faster. Key words can be searched using indexes in books or online search engines and databases.