# Cataloging with MeSH: Guided Notes and Exercises

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See also the [presentation slides](https://lor.nnlm.gov/op/op.Download_Share.php?documentid=5247).

## Exercises

**SLIDE 18: MeSH Record Types: Your Turn!**

Q1: Name the type of MeSH term described by each of the below:

A1:

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| 1. Primarily substance terms, but also include some protocols, virus terms and rare disease terms |  |
| 2. Describe a topical concept |  |
| 3. Describe a particular aspect of a concept |  |

**SLIDE 28: MeSH Browser Search Options: Your Turn!**

Select: “SubString”, “All Fragments”, “Main Heading (Descriptor) Terms”

Search: **psychol feedback**

Q2: What is included in your results?

A2:

**SLIDE 35: MeSH Descriptor Records: Your Turn!**

Use the recommended cataloger search settings: Main Heading, SubString, All Fragments, Sort by Name, 1000 Results

Search: **fostering**

Q3: What is the preferred MeSH Descriptor?

A3:

Q4: What related concepts are listed?

A4:

**SLIDE 43: Topical Annotations: Your Turn!**

Q5: According to the annotation, what other terms might you add when using the heading Ablation Techniques?

A5:

Q6: To describe taking leave to care for parents, which is correct: Family Leave or Parental Leave?  
A6:

**SLIDE 51: Cataloger-Specific Annotations: Your Turn!**

Q7: Which of the following headings can you use for cataloging?

A7: a. Age Groups

1. Animation

Q8: What heading do you use for Alcoholics Anonymous?  
A8:

**SLIDE 56: Locating Main Concepts: Your Turn!**

Q9: What heading would you use for a work about measuring Cardiac Impedance?  
A9:

**SLIDE 64: Rule of Three: Your Turn!**

Q10: What descriptor(s) would you use to describe a work about **Anger Management Therapy, Aversive Therapy, Relaxation Therapy, and Sleep Phase Chronotherapy**?​  
A10:

1. Psychotherapy
2. Behavior Therapy
3. Behavioral Disciplines and Activities

**SLIDE 68: Specialty Headings: Your Turn!**

Q11: What descriptors(s) would you use to describe a work titled *The Status of Diagnosis in Endocrinology*?  
A11:

**SLIDE 73: Supplementary Concepts: Your Turn!**

Q12: What descriptors(s) would you use to describe a work about watermelon stomach disease?  
A12:

## Useful Links:

MeSH Browser: <https://meshb.nlm.nih.gov/>

MeSH home: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/meshhome.html>

See sections: *Learn about MeSH* and *User Suggestions*

Also see the NLM Technical Bulletin: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/> for news.

For more about cataloging, see the Cataloging and Metadata Management Section home page at <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/cataloging/mainpge.html>.