

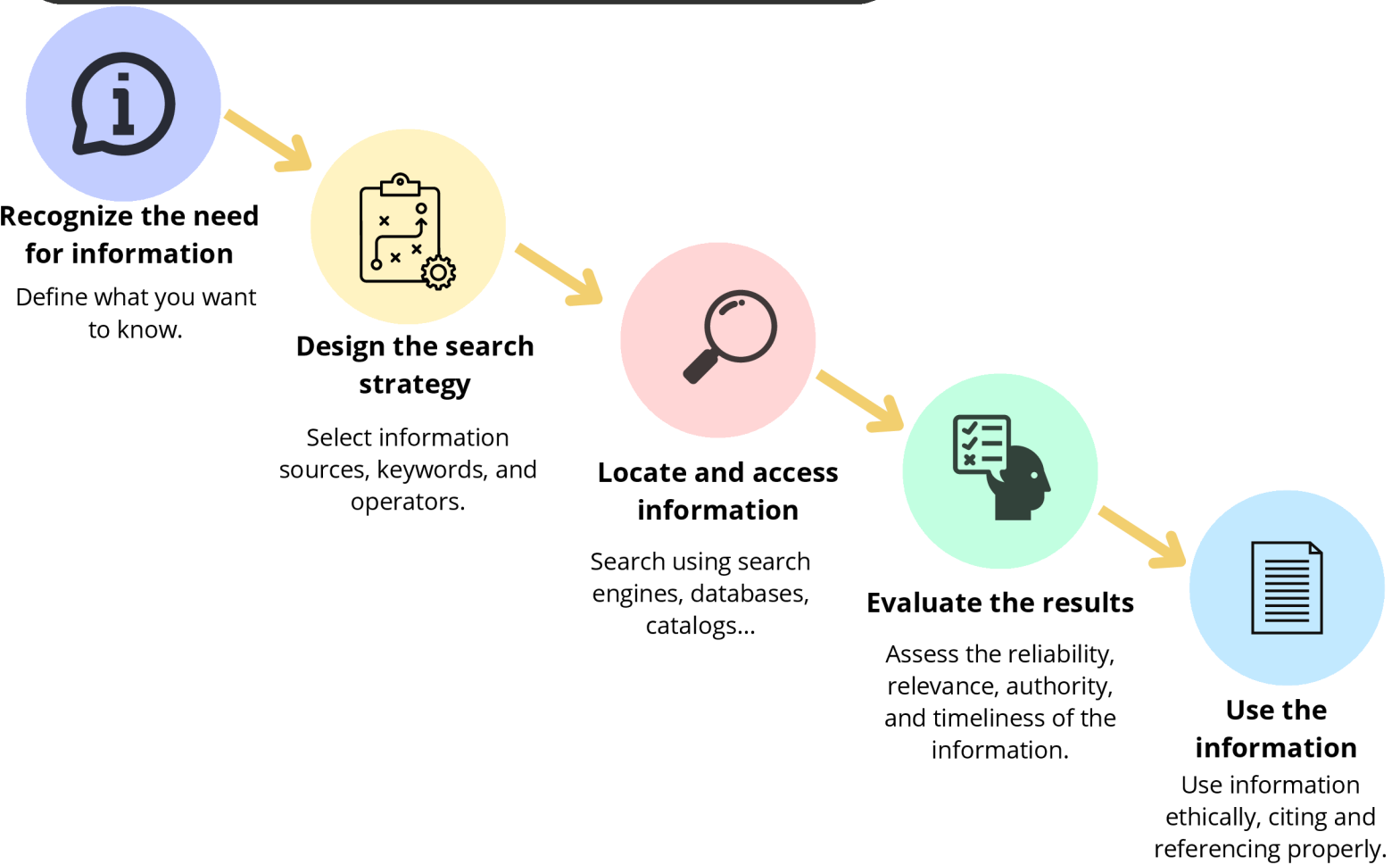


The Information-Seeking Process

Definition

A conscious and systematic process of information searching to meet an information need, whether personal, academic, or professional.

Phases of the information-seeking process



Examples

- **Leisure:** planning a trip by searching for reviews, prices, and schedules.
- **Academic:** preparing a paper by finding high-quality academic articles.
- **Professional:** writing a report by consulting statistical data, reports, and specialized press.

Influencing factors

- **Cognitive:** prior knowledge, level of information literacy
- **Emotional:** anxiety, motivation, confidence
- **Contextual:** available time, access to resources

Best practices

- Clearly define the research question.
- Use advanced search strategies (Boolean operators, filters).
- Critically evaluate sources (authority, reliability, bias).
- Record and organize results (bibliographic managers).

Target audiences: Student👨🎓

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