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Search Tools When Developing a Search Request (LexisNexis Academic)

LexisNexis research products use Boolean search logic when you conduct your search.

A Boolean search request includes the terms and phrases that reflect ideas essential to your research and linking them with connectors.

Wildcards characters are useful for terms variations.

Terms & Connectors

Terms & Connectors	What Is It Used For?	Examples
OR	either word or phase appears in same sentence	number or statistics
AND	words/phases both appear in same document	Market share and market leader
W/N**	Within n words of each other	Climate change w/3 temperature
PRE/N**	First word to precede second word by n words	William pre/2 Scott
W/S	within the sentence	Market share w/s statistics
W/P	within the paragraph	Climate change w/p impact

ALLCAPS	Find words in which all letters are capitalized	ALLCAPS (era) will pull documents containing ERA
CAPS	Find words in which capital letter appear anywhere in the word	CAPS (kitkat) will pull documents containing KitKat, KITKAT, Kitkat etc
NOCAPS	Find words in which none of the letters are capitalized	NOCAPS (aids) will pull documents about foreign aids and not the disease AIDS

SINGULAR	Only find the singular form of the word	SINGULAR (security) will find security only
PLURAL	Only find the plural form of the word	PLURAL (security) will find securities only

ATLEASTN**	Require that a word appear "at least" so many times in a document	ATLEAST5 (market leader)

AND NOT	Find documents in which a search word or phrase is to be excluded	Capital allowance AND NOT property

**Note that N is a number from 1 to 255

Wildcards

Wildcards	What Is It Used For?	Examples
The asterisk *	Use * to replace a letter or letters in a word.	Wom*n (finds woman and women)
The exclamation point!	Use ! at the end of a root word	neglig! (system will find variations of the word *neglig* – negligent, negligence etc)