

Advanced search techniques

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Phrases

To search for those words in that exact order, put them in quotation marks

“great barrier reef”

Boolean

AND- search for both terms

OR- search for either term

NOT- search for one term but not the other term

apples AND oranges

apples OR oranges

apples NOT oranges

Wild cards

Use the * symbol to stand for part of a word. Usually you put it at the end of the root of a word to find the different variations of the word.

typ* will find type, typing, typed, types...

But it may also find typhoon, typical, typhoid, typography etc

Dates

Look for a list of options at the side of the search results that let you modify the search...

...there will usually be an option to set a specific date range.

Advanced search page

Put a separate concept in each box so you can easily break up the concepts in a way the search engine will understand.

Look at the options in the drop-down menus, most databases will let you restrict your search to certain fields, eg. Author, date, abstract.

	“team teaching” OR co-teaching	in ABSTRACT
AND	school	
AND	2018	in DATE
NOT	“special education” OR disab*	

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