
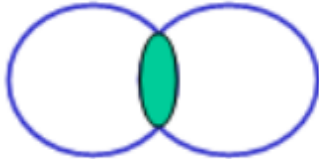


Basic Search Tips and Techniques: EBSCO Databases

EBSCO databases use common Boolean operators such as the three connecting words seen below. These “operator search” words allow a researcher to include or exclude subject/topic-type words in a text box search that will instruct the search engine to retrieve more relevant search results.

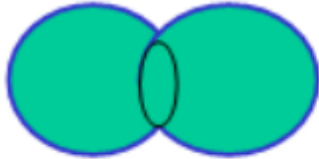
Boolean Searching

NOTE: Each  represents a concept that has been translated into a word/term.



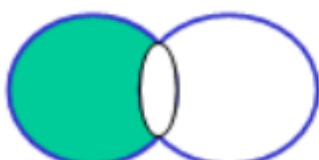
AND narrows

each item retrieved will include both terms
ex: *children and bilingualism*



OR expands

each item retrieved will include EITHER or both terms
ex: *motherese or baby talk*



NOT excludes

each item retrieved will include 1st set of terms only
ex: *preschoolers but not toddlers*

Try using **And – Or – Not** Boolean operators with the drop down boxes. Two examples:

Advanced Search

Search for in

in

Advanced Search

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