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Completing this exercise will familiarize you with the basics of searching the biomedical literature.

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Use these search tools to find background information or definitions on a topic.

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Databases for Biological Researchers

- UCM Library Databases for Biology & Medicine
  A handy list of a dozen databases of interest to biomedical researchers.
- PubMed
  PubMed comprises more than 19 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Coverage extends from 1951 to the present.
- PubMed Tutorials
  Taking advantage of these online tutorials will turn anyone into a PubMed master in no time.
- PubMed Clinical Queries
  for systematic reviews
- Biosis Previews
  A collection of citations and abstracts many of which link directly to full-text articles from BioOne.
- Web of Science
  Web of Science citation databases contain information gathered from thousands of scholarly journals, books, book series, reports, conferences, and more.
- Web of Science Tutorial
  This online tutorial will help you get the most out of a database that offers a number of useful, if not always obvious, special features.
- PsycInfo
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- Psychology: A Sage Full-Text Collection
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Search Tips

Basic tips and strategies to help you do research (boolean, truncation, and other nifty tricks)

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Search Basics

There are a few different tricks you can try when searching library databases and catalogs and even Google.

These search tips won't work universally for all databases and search engines, but most databases and search engines have a page on how to best search within them. This kind of information is often found under a Help link.

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Check the References

When you find a scholarly article that is relevant to your topic, always check the references at the end. There's a good chance that the research the article's author did to write their paper may be useful to you, too.

The same goes for well-researched books that include references at the end. And although you should not cite Wikipedia in a paper, a well-researched Wikipedia article on your topic may have valid references at the end that you can check out.

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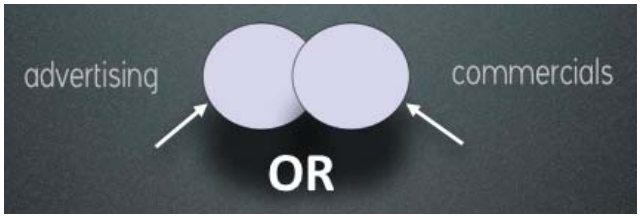
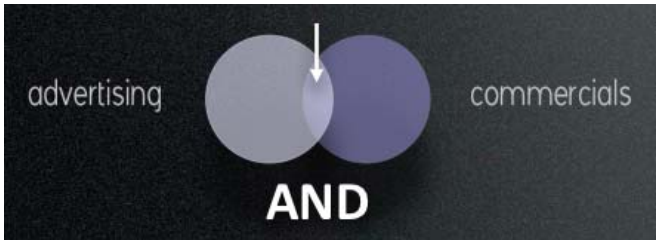
Search Tip 1: Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT)

Boolean operators are words you can use between your search terms to either broaden or limit your search.

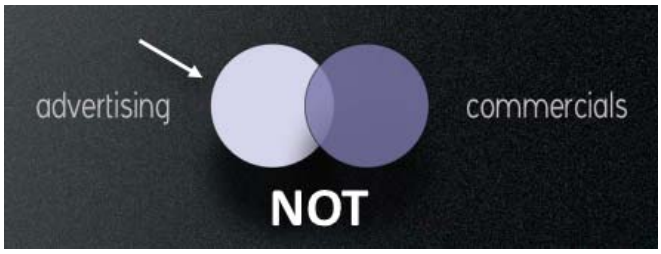
Use **OR** to broaden your search. For example, if you search *advertising OR commercials*, you will find articles that include both terms.



In contrast, use **AND** and **NOT** to narrow your search. For example, if you search *advertising AND commercials*, you will only find articles that include both terms.



And, if you search *advertising NOT commercials*, you will find articles that include the word *advertising* **except** for those that also include the term *commercials*. In Google, use a minus sign instead of *NOT* (e.g. *advertising -commercials*).



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Search Tip 2: " "

Use quotation marks around words to limit your search. Adding quotation marks will search those words as a phrase.

For example, if you search *asian american*, you'll find articles with the term *asian american*, but you'll also find articles that only have the term *asian* and articles that only have the term *american*. Search *"asian american"* instead; this will only find articles with those two words together and in that order.

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Search Tip 3: Truncation (*)

Use truncation to broaden a search.

To truncate a word, add the * symbol at the point where you will get the most impact, e.g. *advertis**. Using truncation with a word searches all words that begin the the same way up to the point of the * symbol, so the point of most impact is the point where that word is

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most shared with similar words. So, if you truncate *advertise* as *advertis**, you will also search all of the following words at once:

- advertise
- advertising
- advertisement
- advertiser

Be careful, though. Sometimes truncating a word will search words unrelated to your topic. For example, if you search hero*, you will search the following words:

- hero
- heroic
- heroes
- heroism
- heroine

but you will also search

- heroin

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Search Tip 4: Search Similar Terms

Search similar terms to broaden a search.

To search similar terms in Academic Search Complete (and other EBSCOhost databases), first go to the Advanced Search page. Type in your search term(s), select Apply Related Words (under the Search Options green bar), then hit the search button. For example, a search for *neoplasm* with Apply Related Words checked would also search for *tumor*, *tumour*, *tumors*, etc.

In Google, use a tilde symbol (~) to achieve this result: adding a tilde before a word will search similar words. For example, *~health* also searches words like *healthy*, *fitness*, *nutrition*, *medical*, etc.

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Open Access Policies

- NIH Public Access Policy
- Harvard University Open Access Policy
- MIT Open Access Policy
- Duke University Adopts Open Access Policy

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Tools and Resources for Authors

- Directory of Open Access Journals
- SHERPA RoMEO
  Use this site to find a summary of permissions that are normally given as part of each publisher's copyright transfer agreement. Categorizes publishers based on their open access policies.
- Creative Commons http://creativecommons.org/
  Provides free licenses and other legal tools to mark creative work with the freedom the creator wants it to carry, so others can share, remix, use commercially, or any combination thereof.
- Open Data Commons
  Open Data Commons is the home of a set of legal "tools" to help you provide and use open data.
- Data Repositories
  Directory of open data repositories categorized by discipline.

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- Lynch, C. "The Shape of the Scientific Article in The Developing Cyberinfrastructure," CTWatch Quarterly, Volume 3, Number 3, August 2007.

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- Refworks
  An online tool that helps you manage, store, format and cite resources used in the research process.
- Literature Review
  This assignment will utilize many of the same resources needed for the Profile of Research Community and Annotated Bibliography assignments. In addition, students will need to locate key scholars associated with their topics and be familiar with the methodologies used in their research.

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Main Research Questions (Hot Topics)

- Science Watch
  This Thomson Reuters site tracks trends and performance in basic research areas.
- APA Psychology Topics
- Credo Reference
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- Google Scholar
  Use Google Scholar to find authors whose research has been highly cited. Do a key word search on your topic and note that highly cited articles appear high in the list.

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- Tools for Searching Wikis
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Primary Publications: Finding Journals and Impact Factors

The Impact Factor is a measure of the frequency with which the "average article" in a journal has been cited in a given period of time. It is one way scholars measure the relative importance of a journal within its field.

- e-Journal Finder
  Locate psychology journals owned by UC Merced and other UC campuses.
- Journal Citation Reports (Database)
  JCR allows you to search for Impact Factors for academic journals.
- Ulrich's
  Profiles consumer and trade magazines, academic and scholarly publications, monographic series, newsletters, and electronic publication on all subjects.
- Eigenfactor
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- Internet Public Library Associations on the Net
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- Major Conferences
  Conference information is often included on the web pages of Professional Organizations. (See above)
- CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts): Social Sciences
  Go to Advanced Search > Enter topic search term, i.e. schizophrenia. From results page click on Conferences Tab. Review records for association titles, i.e. International Sociological Association. Do a google search to find the association website.
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  1840-present. The PsycINFO database contains citations to articles in over 1,300 professional journals, conference proceedings, books, reports, and dissertations in psychology and related disciplines. Most citations include abstracts.
- PsycARTICLES
  1985-present. A database of full-text articles from journals published by the American Psychological Association, the APA Educational Publishing Foundation, the Canadian Psychological Association, and Hogrefe & Huber.
- Psychology: A SAGE Full-TextCollection
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- Web of Science
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- UC Irvine: Introduction to Primary Sources
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- University of West Florida Libraries: Primary vs. Secondary Sources
  Provides explanation and examples of primary sources.
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UCSD: What is a Primary Source?

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Primary Source Databases & WebSites

- Ad Access Project
  An image database of over 7,000 advertisements printed in U.S. and Canadian newspa
- American Women's History
  American Women's History provides citations to print and Internet reference sources, as well as to selected large primary source collections.
- ARTstor
  ARTstor is an ever-growing digital library of over one million images of art, architecture and archeology from a wide range of cultures and time periods to support teaching and learning in the humanities and social sciences.
- Atlantic Slave Trade and Slave Life in the Americas: A Visual Record
  The approximately 1,235 images in this collection have been selected from a wide range of sources, most of them dating from the period of slavery.
- Calisphere
  A free public gateway to thousands of digitized primary sources - including photographs, documents, newspaper clippings, works of art - from UC museums and libraries and other cultural heritage institutions across California.
- Civil Rights Digital Library (CRDL) 1950s and 1960s
  Freely available digital archive of historical new film, digital collections, reference materials, editorial cartoons, transcripts, diaries etc. documenting the civil rights movements. Browse and search capabilities are available. Provided by the University of Georgia.
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- Founders Early Access (From National Archives and Virginia Foundation for the Humanities)
  5,000 previously unpublished documents from our nation's founders including letters and other papers penned by important figures such as James Madison, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson.

- Gerritsen Collection Women's History Online
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- JSTOR
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- Political Americana
  The Cornell University Collection of Political Americana is comprised of approximately 5,500 Presidential promotional and commemorative items dating from 1789 to 1980. The collection contains political materials in a variety of formats, including cartoons, prints, and posters; lapel buttons, ribbons, textiles, hats, and other costume items; ballots, broadsides, leaflets, and other ephemera; pamphlets and other formal publications; sheet music and songbooks; and a variety of three-dimensional ite

- The Sixties: Primary Documents and Personal Narratives, 1960-1974
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- World Digital Library
  The World Digital Library (WDL) makes available in multilingual format, significant primary materials from countries and cultures around the world. The objectives of WDL include intercultural understanding and partnerships as well as providing resources for educators and scholars.

- World War II Posters
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Plagiarism

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http://dictionary.reference.com

Three Ways to Plagiarize in Writing

- Using without attribution:
  - Direct quotation of other’s words
  - Paraphrase of other’s words
  - Summary of other’s words

Two Flavors

- Intentional
- Unintentional

How to Commit Intentional Plagiarism

- Cut and paste w/o citing (w/o attribution)
- Borrow, steal, or buy a paper
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- Term-paper services
  - Schoolsucks.com
  - Cheathouse.com

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- Steve and Doris
- *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- www.turnitin.com

Hallmarks of plagiarism

- Quality of the work or comprehension of topic is unexpectedly high (or low).
- Few or no recent sources are cited.
- Topic varies (a little or a lot) from proposed topic.
- Style of some sentences or paragraphs markedly different from the rest of the work.

How to commit unintentional plagiarism

- Fail to cite direct quotations
  - Leave quotation marks off direct quotations
- Fail to cite paraphrases or summaries of other's ideas

How not to commit unintentional plagiarism

- Know how to keep track of and cite your sources
  - RefWorks
- Know how to paraphrase and summarize
- Resources
  - owl.english.purdue.edu
  - Style guides

Do I have to cite every word in my paper?

You don’t need to cite

- Your own thoughts, ideas, observations, conclusions, opinions.
- The results of your own research.
- Your own creative output (photos, audio, music, video, stories, etc.)
- Common knowledge

What is common knowledge?

Generally agreed upon facts that do not change in any essential way and which are referenced in multiple sources:

- Babe Ruth hit 714 career home runs.
- Tunis is a city located at 36° 47' North latitude and 10° 12' East longitude.
- John Wilkes Booth shot Abraham Lincoln in Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865.
- The formula for finding the area under a curve is:
- $$A = + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} y\,dx$$

Is plagiarism less black and white than it once was?

- Changing in a networked world
  - Sampling
  - Mash ups
  - Parody
  - Homage
- You can still get in trouble for doing it