**BOOLEAN SEARCHES**

Try it out with a real topic.

1. Choose your topic.

   College athletes and injuries

2. Brainstorm ideas.

   college athletes: rugby, track, soccer, acrobatics
   injuries: knee, concussion, shoulder, ankle

3. What’s your research question?

   When can a college rugby player return to play after a concussion?

4. Start researching on PubMed.

   library.uoregon.edu › Research Guides › Human Physiology › PubMed
   * = variations on a words

   Search: ( college OR university )
   AND rugby
   AND concuss*
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Find exactly what you’re looking for, faster.

The examples below involve three different characters: athletes, students, and student-athletes.

**AND**
focuses your result by requiring all of your characteristics to be present

Search:  
Result: 

**OR**
broadens your result by requiring all of your characteristics to be present

Search:  
Result: 

**NOT**
focuses your result by removing specific characteristics from your search

Search:  
Result: 

Athlete  
Student  
Student-Athlete

Athletes  
Students  
Student-Athlete

Collegiate student-athletes