BOOLEAN SEARCHES

Try it out with a real topic.

1. Choose your topic.

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College athletes and injuries

2. Brainstorm ideas.

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college athletes:

rugby, track, soccer, acrobatics

injuries:

knee, **concussion,** shoulder, ankle

3. What's your research question?

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

4. Start researching on PubMed.

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* = variations on a words

Search: [   ]

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Search: [(college   **OR**   university)]

AND [rubgy]

AND [concuss*]

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Find exactly what you're looking for, faster.

Athlete   Student   Student-Athlete

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: | athlete | **AND** | student |

Result: | student-athlete |

Student-Athlete

OR

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

Search: | (athlete **OR** student) |
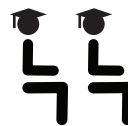
Result: | athletes, students, student athletes |

Athletes   Students   Student-Athlete

NOT

focuses your result by removing specific characteristics from your search

Search: | student-athlete | **NOT** | K-12 |

Result: | student-athletes from colleges and universities |

Collegiate student-athletes