

Database Name	Phrase Search	Truncation	Wildcards 1	Wildcards 2	Proximity Searching
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All Proquest Databases, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proquest Health & Medical, Proquest Education, Proquest Criminal Justice ABI Inform Collection ASSIA (Appl Soc Sci Index & Abs) ERIC IBSS (Int'l Bib. of Social Sciences) Library & Info Science Abstracts Nat'l Crim Justice Ref Service Abs Social Science Premium Collection Social Services Abstracts Sociological Abstracts Worldwide Political Science Abs 	Yes e.g. "trade union"	* e.g. leader* finds leader, leaders, leadership	? e.g. wom?n finds woman or women	* e.g. behavio*r finds behaviour or behavior	Near/ <i>n</i> or <i>N/n</i> (within <i>n</i> words of - where <i>n</i> denotes number, e.g. <i>n</i> /2, <i>n</i> /5 etc.) e.g. tax n/4 reform finds <i>tax reform</i> , and <i>reform of income tax</i>
All EBSCOhost databases, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USearch Business Source Complete Criminal Justice Abstracts Library & Inform. Tech. Abstracts Hospitality and Tourism Complete British Education Index ERIC CINAHL Public Administration Abstracts Public Affairs Index 	Yes	* e.g. as above	? e.g. as above	# e.g. ag#ing finds ageing or aging	<i>Nn</i> (within <i>n</i> words in any order) e.g. tax N4 reform finds <i>tax reform</i> , as well as <i>reform of income tax</i> <i>Wn</i> (within <i>n</i> words, in the order written) e.g. tax W4 reform finds <i>tax reform</i> , but <u>not</u> <i>reform of income tax</i>

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All OVIDSP databases, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PsycInfo Medline EMBASE Food Science & Technology Abstracts 	Yes	* or \$ e.g. as above	# e.g. m#n finds man or men	? e.g. colo?r finds colour or color	ADJ <i>n</i> (within <i>n</i> words appearing in any order) (where <i>n</i> denotes number of spaces, e.g. n2, n5 etc.)
All SAGE Collections e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Sciences Life & Biomedical Sciences Materials Science & Engineering Social Sciences & Humanities 	Multiple terms in single box are automatically searched as an exact phrase	* e.g. as above	? e.g. l?st finds last or lest or list	* e.g. p*diatric finds pediatric or paediatric	"key words"~ <i>n</i> (where <i>n</i> denotes number of spaces, e.g. n2, n5 etc.) e.g. "debt forgiveness"~10 finds documents containing the terms debt and forgiveness within ten words of each other

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Emerald Management	Yes	* e.g. leader* finds leader, leaders, leadership	? e.g. wom?n finds woman or women	* e.g. behavio*r finds behaviour or behavior	No
HeinOnline	Yes	* e.g. as above	? e.g. as above	No	~ <i>n</i> e.g. "human rights" convention~3 finds <i>convention</i> within 3 words of <i>human rights</i>
JSTOR	Yes	~ e.g. dostoyevsky~ finds dostoevsky, dostoevski etc.	? 	*	~ <i>n</i> e.g. debt forgiveness~10 finds <i>debt</i> within 10 words of <i>forgiveness</i> Advanced search uses <i>NEAR 5, 10 or 25</i>
Lexis Library & Nexis	Yes	! e.g. contract! finds contract(s), contractual etc.	* e.g. cris*s finds crisis or crises	No	w/n (within <i>n</i> words of) w/s (in same sentence as) w/p (in same paragraph as)

Science Direct	Yes	*	?	*	W/n (within <i>n</i> words of)
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Scopus	Yes	*	?	*	W/n (within <i>n</i> words of)
		e.g. leader* finds leader, leaders, leadership	e.g. wom?n finds woman or women	e.g. behavio*r finds behaviour or behavior	
SPORT Discus	Yes	*	?	#	Nn (within <i>n</i> words of)
		e.g. as above	e.g. as above	e.g. ag#ing finds ageing or aging	
Social Care Online	Yes	No	No	No	No

Westlaw UK	Yes	! e.g. contract! finds contract, contracts, contractual etc.	* e.g. withdr*w finds withdraw or withdrew	No	/n (within <i>n</i> words of) /s (in same sentence as) /p (in same paragraph as)
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Internet Search Engines	Phrase Search	Truncation	Wildcards 1	Wildcards 2	Proximity Searching
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Google & Google Scholar Note: Order in which search terms are entered will affect results	Yes	Searches for variants and synonyms but you can't specify	Google wildcard can only search for missing words <i>in a phrase</i> * e.g. "a * saved is a * earned"		No
BING Note: Only the first 10 terms are used to get search results	Yes	No	No	No	NEAR:n e.g. solar near:2 panel
For more information on these and other search engines, see Karen Blakeman's excellent document Search Tools: Summary & Comparison of Commands					