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Literature Searching

Part 1: Planning, Primo and Google

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Presentation slides



Our **Find it Fast!** wiki contains support materials including slides from workshop presentations and worksheets

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Today's slides will be added later this month. Our slides from 2021 are there at the moment

Aims and outline



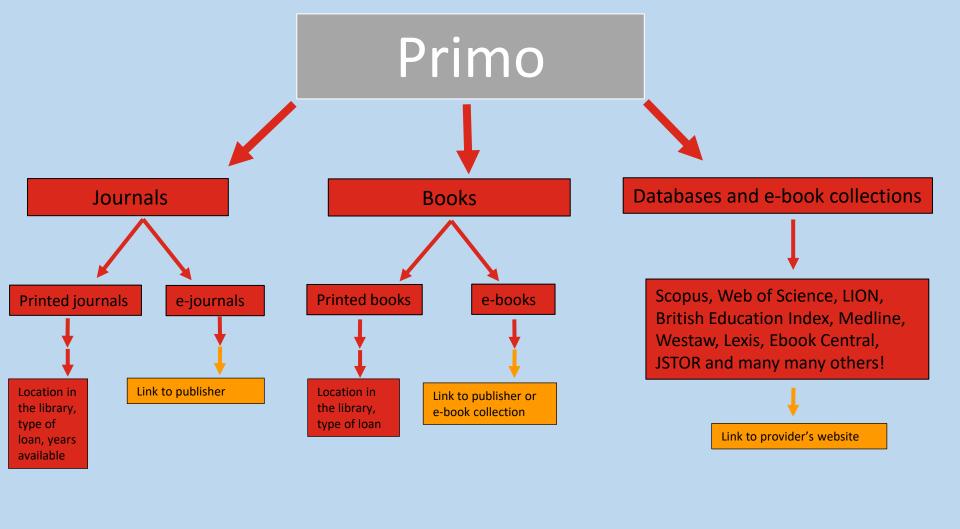
Feel confident that you can make effective use of available resources and tools to find books and support materials for your research

Note: we cover journal articles and conference papers in Part 2 of this workshop series

In this session we will look at:

- Planning a search
- Using Google for support material
- Using Primo and e-book collections for books







Plan your search

First things first...



TIP:

Don't just type the title of your research topic into a database or catalogue ... you will get little or no results!

Take a pencil and paper – and do some brainstorming

- Only takes a few minutes
- Saves time in the long run
- What information are you looking for?
- Analyse your topic...



Think about...



Topic

- Break it down into individual concepts
- Think about significant words (keywords) and phrases

Words

- Spelling
- Alternatives or synonyms
- Truncation, wildcards

Relationship between your keywords

Linking words = Boolean operators (AND/OR/NOT)

Write them down in a table (or a mind map if you prefer)



Library & Information Skills Workshop: Designing your Search Strategy - Search grid/matrix

Try brainstorming to analyse your topic. In the blank box below write any words, phrases and authors that come to mind regarding your assignment. The words don't have to be in any order. Think about acronyms, singular and plural forms, word endings and spelling differences, e.g. US and UK English.

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Now group your terms. Look at the most important idea in your assignment = concept/idea 1. Do you have more than one word/phrase for that idea, e.g. oil OR gas OR hydrocarbon? Place the words in the 1st horizontal row of the grid/matrix below. What is your second most important concept/idea? Do you have more than one word/phrase for that idea? Write them in the 2nd horizontal row. If you have an additional concept/idea, write words/phrases for this in the 3rd horizontal row. Now apply the search rules (e.g. truncation symbol; "quotation marks" for phrases - where applicable) for the database you wish to search.

Concepts	Alternative ke	words/phrases	
Concept/Idea 1	OR	OR	
	AND		
Concept/Idea 2	OR	OR	
	AND		
Concept/Idea 3	OR	OR	

You are now ready to construct your "search string" in your selected database using the Boolean operators OR and AND. Many databases use a search interface which where you only need to type the OR operator within the search line/row as the AND operator between lines is already assumed (it is the default setting – do not change it!)

You do not need to fill every box or line however for some assignments you may need a grid that is greater than 3 x 3. The same process applies no matter the grid/matrix size: words/phrases on same line/row = same idea/concept, and remember to apply the search rules (e.g. truncation symbol; "quotation marks" for phrases - where applicable) for the database you wish to search.

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Hypothetical research topic



'Chocolate: Health Food or Health Risk?'





chocolate cocoa "dark chocolate" diet nutrition cardiovascular cardiac cholesterol flavonoids polyphenols antioxidants "trans fatty acids" health "well being"

Chocolate: Health Food or Health Risk?

keyword 1	chocolate	OR	cocoa	OR	cacao
			AND		
keyword 2	diet*	OR	nutrition*	OR	
			AND		
keyword 3	health	OR	"well being"	OR	wellbeing

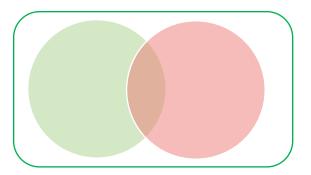
Idea 4 and beyond: may want to pursue other concepts to do with specific aspects of health such as cardiovascular, heart, cholesterol; or flavonoids, polyphenols, antioxidants, "trans fatty acids".

Searching using Boolean logic



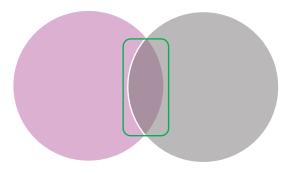
Operators to link search words, phrases and concepts for powerful and effective searching in databases and other resources

AND, **OR** are main operators



diet **OR** nutrition:

OR expands the search



diet AND health:

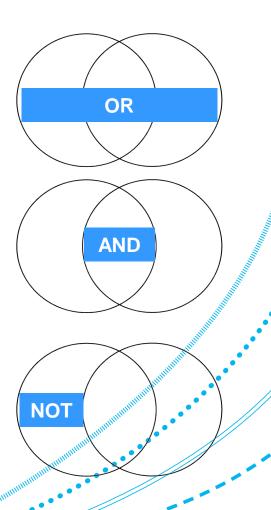
AND narrows the search

Linking words – Boolean operators

OR Broadens the search using alternative words

AND Narrows the search, makes it more specific

NOT Cuts out unwanted terms (but use with care!)



Exercise: Plan your search – think about keywords

Any questions? Use the planning sheet to construct your search strategy

- ✓ Brainstorm keywords and phrases for your research topic in the top box
- ✓ Apply some order and organisation to the main keywords in the search grid





Use Google and Google Scholar

Tools for academic information



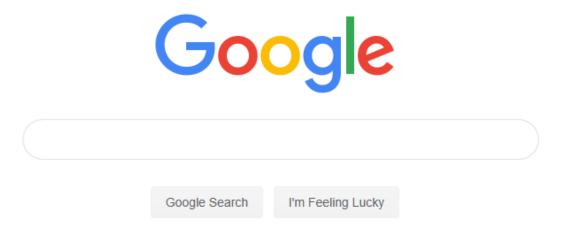
Tools/resources depend on the type of information you're looking for

- Books: Primo, subscribed sites
 (Ebook Central, Springer, ScienceDirect and others)
- Journal articles (research papers): Databases
- Technical standards: BSOL database, OHSIS database, IEEE Xplore, Google (we have limited access to this type of material)
- Reports and commercial/trade information: Google Advanced search

Google: was a number, then a noun, now a verb



- ✓ Excellent for finding images and support material to academic/research content document types that are not included in subscribed academic databases
 - 1. Governmental and Parliamentary documents
 - 2. Reports and documents from national and international bodies
 - 3. Operational and trade literature
 - 4. Marketing and publicity material
 - 5. Publications by charities, NGOs and commercial companies
 - 6. News, blogs, images, videos
- ✓ Personalisation features of Google can be frustrating as they can restrict your search results to what you have previously searched for
- ✓ Search results are rarely the same!



Most people use Google as first place to look for information. Can be very useful but need to know how to get the best out of it, and its limitations

Exercise: Google results

Type the given search into the single search box.

Search 1: health food

Search 2: health foods

Search 3: food health

Search 4: "health food"

1. How many results do you get?

2. Do participants in the same group get the same number of results?



Recent results



Search term	Number of results
health food	7,210,000,000
health foods	2,350,000,000
food health	5,300,000,000
"health food"	30,300,000

Our results start of November

Google: search rules/hints



Every search engine and database has to set rules to determine how the search feature operates. If you know the search rules you can apply them and carry out a more effective search

health food — all the pages which contain the word health and then all of those which contain the word food

If you use the single search box the order of the words matters

"health food" all the pages that contain this specific phrase, these words in this order

Shift 2 on the UK keyboard to get the double quotes – incorrect results if you use single quote single quote instead of the double quote key

health food chocolate \longrightarrow more words to search for should give fewer results

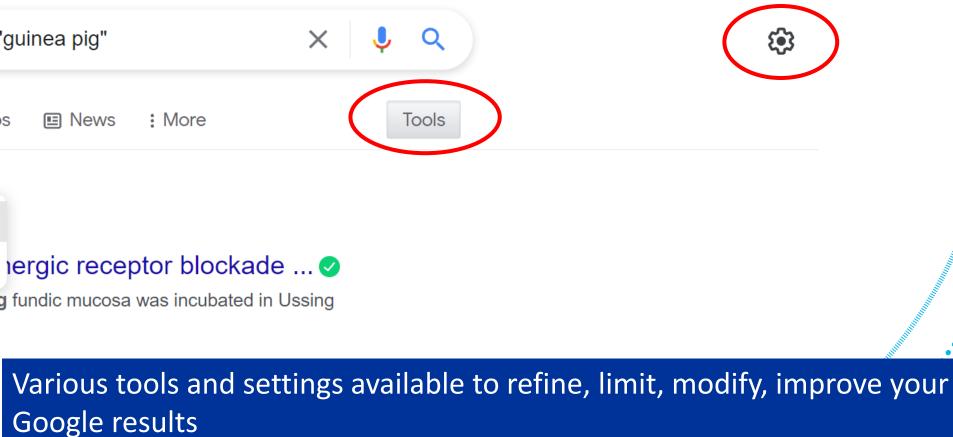
In most instances you should use the singular form of a word – is supposed to use automatic stemming and find the singular plus the plural for of the word. However, this no longer appears to work in a consistent manner...

Google results – be aware...

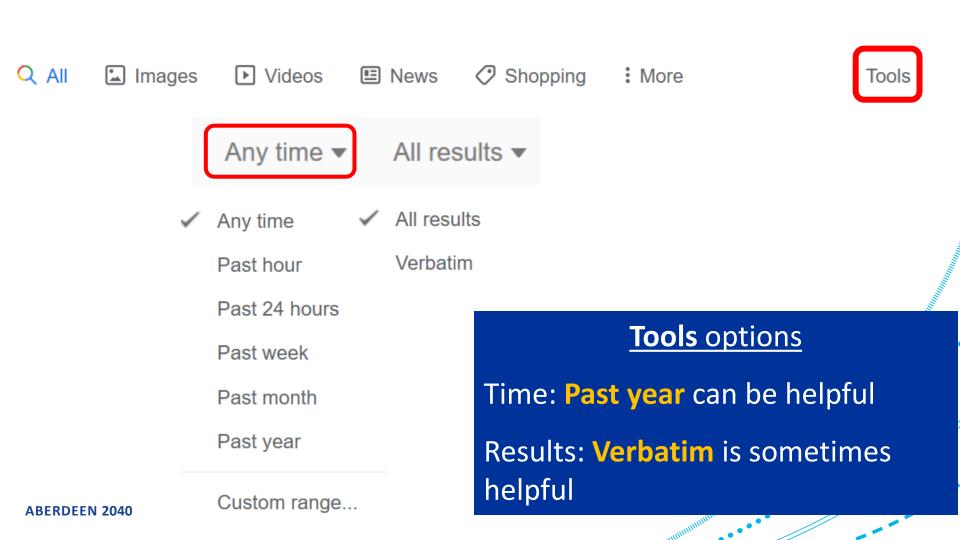
- ✓ How do items land on the first page?
 - Algorithm based on popularity (clicks)
 - Popularity does not equal relevance, authority, currency...
- ✓ Do you ever look beyond the first page? How far do you go? How much time do you spend?

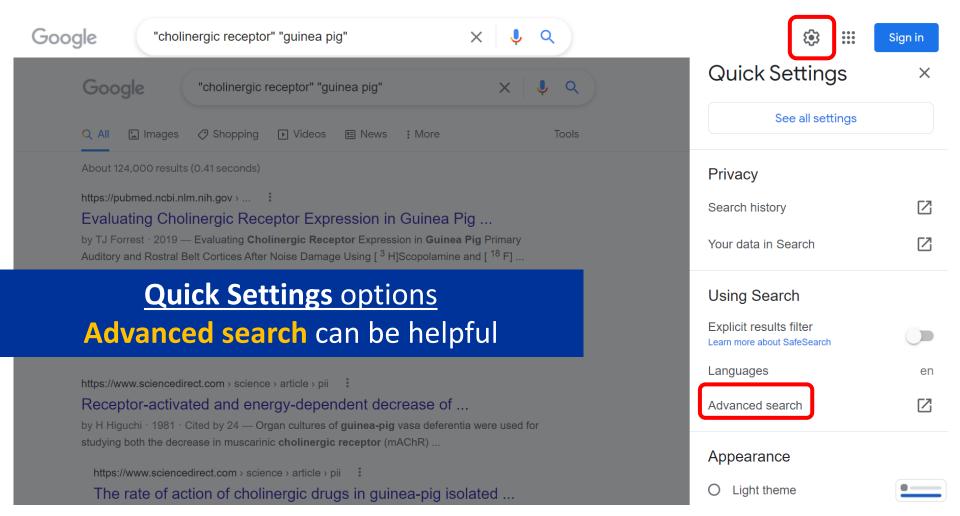
Use Advanced Search option to refine, for example, to specific types of material: can use domain name to assist with this





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Advanced Search

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this exact word or phrase:			Put exact wor	
any of these words:			Type OR betw	
none of these words:			Put a minus s	
numbers ranging from:	to	Use Goog	gle Advanc	ed Search for more
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Advanced Search

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Show most relevant results

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region:	any region	in a standard academic format. Can do that be selecting
last update:	anytime	specific websites to search across
site or domain:		

Tell SafeSea

Find pages in

Domain (or site) name



Can use this to limit results to particular type of organisations, or even to a specific site

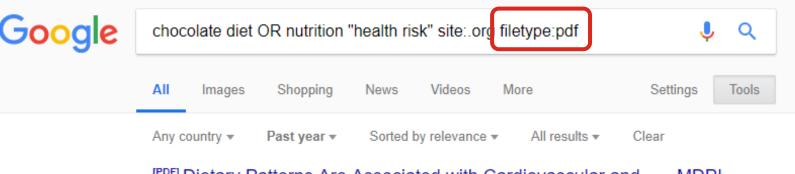
- .ac.uk = a university in the UK
- .edu = a university in the US
- .edu.au = a university in Australia
- .gov.uk = a government website in the UK
- .gov = a government website in the US
- .com = commercial organisations
- .org = non-profit organisations



Google shortcuts

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN Can add shortcuts to your searches in the **single search box** to be more specific. They replicate Advanced Search options from directly within the single search box

Shortcut	Explanation	Example	
site:	search only within a specific site	site:www.stanford.edu	
define: find definitions for a word		define:audacity	
filetype:	find a type of file: PDF, DOC, TXT	filetype:PDF (type this next to your keywords)	
intitle:	find words in the title of the webpage	intitle:inspirational	
••	get ranges of numbers, dates, or prices	presidents 18001900	
word * word find other combinations of words between words creative * writing		creative * writing	
-word	search for homer, but NOT simpsons homer	cartoons -simpsons	
"set of words"	search for exact set of words, quotes or phrases	"I have a dream"	



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Shortcuts help to narrow your search beyond the use of the Advanced Search screen. Browser can impact on options available from the Advanced Search screen

servings of sweetened drinks (soda, sports drinks, chocolate milk)does your child Administer

Web pages – evaluate using RADAR

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R	Relevance	Information and content
A	Authority	Who wrote it? An individual or a corporate organisation? Are they respected or well-known? Check credentials/domain. Is content accurate? Links to other reliable sites?
D	Date	Up-to-date? Undated = is it reliable? Is date important?
A	Appearance	Professional? Look at font, layout, image quality Content - editorial or quality control? Formal or informal writing. Spelling errors? Includes citations and references?
R	Reason for writing	Aim? Bias? Sponsored? Marketing?

Mandalios, J (2013). RADAR: An approach for helping students evaluate Internet sources, Journal of Information Science 39: 470

Web pages - evaluation



- ✓ Do you need to use content beyond the expected research level material (journal articles, conference papers)?
- ✓ If the web-based material has not gone through a checking process before being published YOU need to evaluate the content and decide whether it is something worthy of citing in your submitted work (Citations = evidence)
- ✓ One approach you can use is to apply the RADAR checklist
- ✓ If the web material meets the priority criteria within RADAR then it can assist in the process of identifying suitable additional content beyond journal articles and conference papers

Google Scholar has an Advanced Search option...



Google Scholar

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Articles	

Stand on the shoulders of giants

Go to Google Scholar





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- Alerts
- Metrics

Advanced search

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with the exact phrase			
with at least one of the words			
without the words			
where my words occur	anywhere in the article		
	in the title of the article		
Return articles authored by			
	e.g., "PJ Hayes" or McCarthy		
Return articles published in			
	e.g., J Biol Chem or Nature		
Return articles dated between			
	e.g., 1996		

... but you have more powerful search resources available to you at UoA.

TIP: Use Google Scholar as back stop. You may find some material not indexed in academic databases

Google Scholar



- ✓ Not a substitute for academic databases
- ✓ Searches scholarly literature from academic publishers, professional societies, institutional repositories, universities. Peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, technical reports are contained
- ✓ May contain papers published outside the date range of the databases we subscribe to
- ✓ Can create email alerts
- ✓ Less powerful sort/organise/evaluate functions than in academic databases

Google, Google Scholar and others



- ✓ Free resources
- ✓ Will find information, but not necessarily the most relevant, most up-to-date, most cited, most authoritative information
- ✓ You will need to spend time evaluating what you find, but may give access to materials not indexed elsewhere
- ✓ Use in a balanced way with paid-for resources (databases)
 Google Scholar not as powerful as databases
- ✓ Google is especially good for particular types of information, e.g. reports, government documents, trade and commercial information not indexed in databases

Other search engines are available...



- ✓ Bing https://www.bing.com
 Use Yahoo! for advanced search https://search.yahoo.com/web/advanced
- ✓ Microsoft Academic https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/academic/
- ✓ RefSeek https://www.refseek.com
- ✓ DuckDuckGo https://duckduckgo.com
- ✓ Startpage https://www.startpage.com
- ✓ Wolfram Alpha https://www.wolframalpha.com

Many others available - don't just use Google
Different results, presented in different, interesting ways

Exercise: search Google



- Any questions?
- Try things out for yourself
- See Google worksheet
- Ask for help that's what we're here for



Use Primo to support your research: look for books on your topic





If using an on-campus classroom PC:

Click on the **Library Resources** folder for quick links to Primo, the Library webpages, and other resources



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If off-campus: one way of navigating to Primo from the University web page...



Journal Search

Find Databases

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Advanced Search





Search anything

New

Search

How does this work?

Primo provides simple, one-stop searching for books and e-books, videos, articles, digital media, and more.

Primo also helps you manage your research. Sign-in to:

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- Create favorites lists
- Link to full-text where available

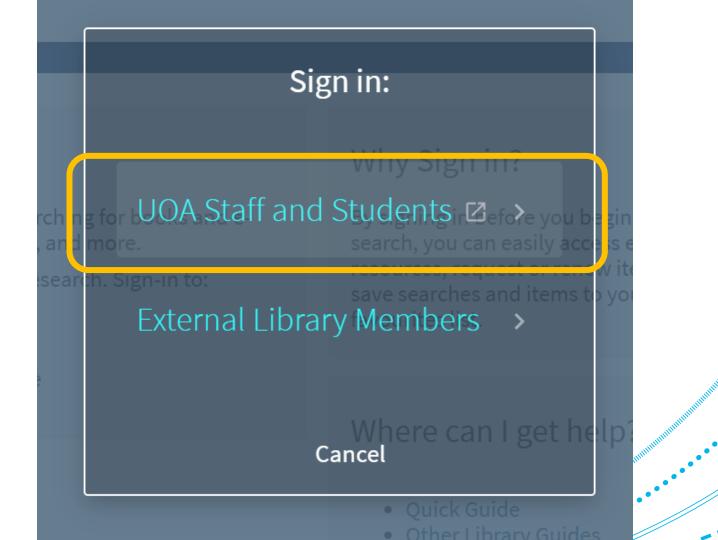
Why Sign in?

By signing in before you begin your search, you can easily access electronic resources, request or renew items and save searches and items to your favourites list.

Where can I get help?

- Quick Guide
 - Other Library Cuic

Primo: Sign in using your computer username and password. This gives you access to more services, and smoother linking to online content especially when off-campus. Advanced Search provides more search options



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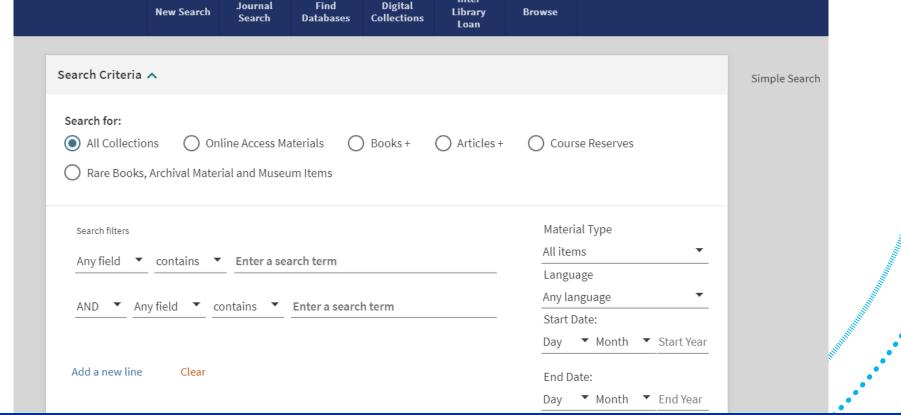


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You'll become familiar with this login procedure: University computer username and password used to prove that you are entitled to access this resource



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Primo Advanced Search allows you to carry out complex and more specific searches.

Important note: Primo searches across words in the record for the book (title, description), not the full-text content of the book

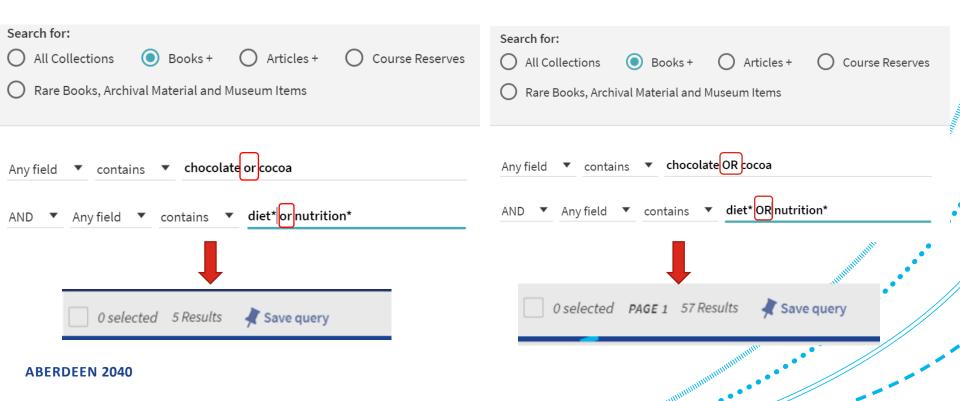
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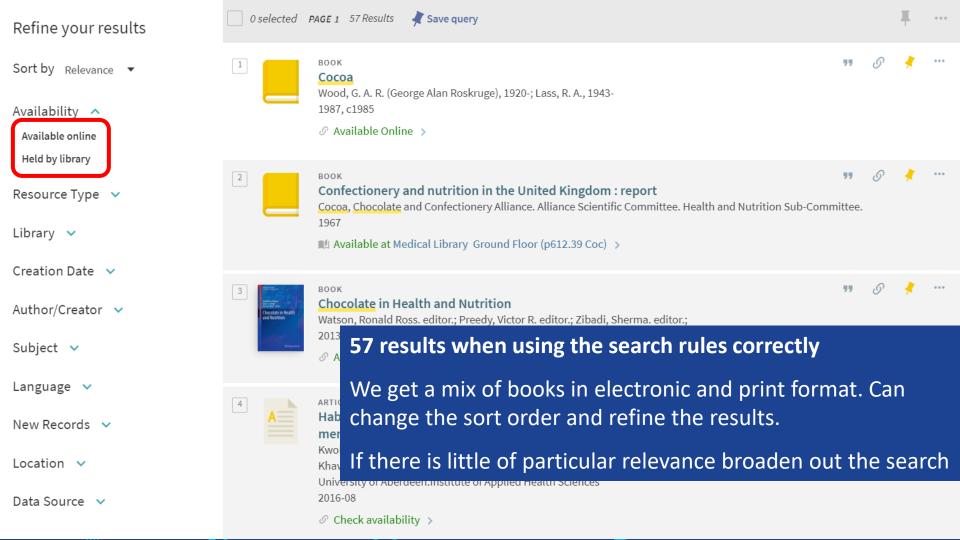


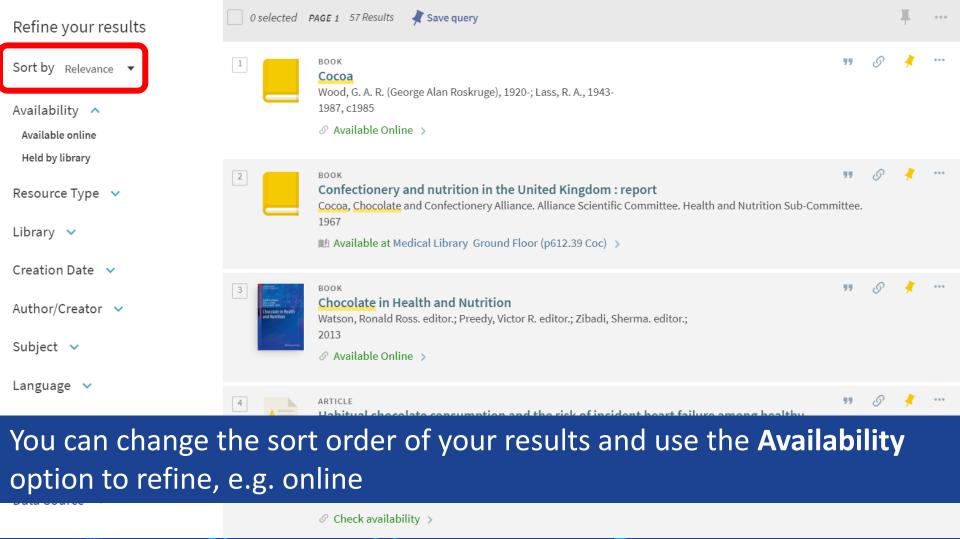
- ✓ Search across the records of books (and PhD theses, and journals) held in our libraries
- ✓ Results may be for paper or electronic format



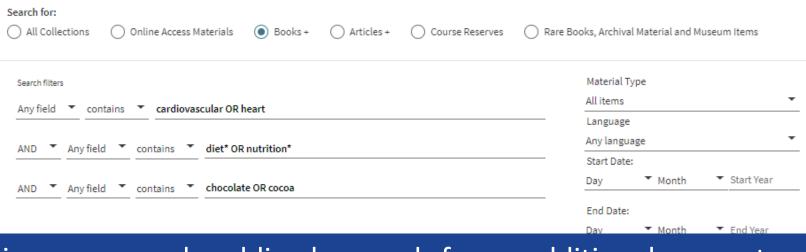
Exercise: Primo Books+ search rules and results



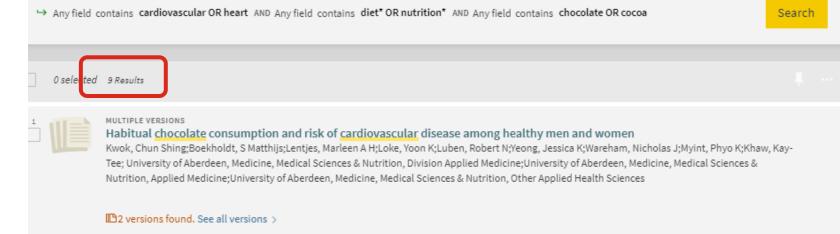




Search Criteria ^		
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Search filters Any field ▼ contains ▼ cardiovascular OR heart	Material Type All items	ii.
AND Any field contains diet* OR nutrition*	Any language ▼ Start Date:	
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Refining your search: adding keywords for an additional concept





Library guide



Primo – quick guide

Eleni Borompoka, July 2022

QG PRI001 [https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/qgpri001.pdf]

Introduction

This guide provides general guidance on how to use Primo to search for materials available in our Libraries, Special Collections and Museums. Primo contains records for both print and online materials across our modern and special collections.

Accessing Primo

Navigate to: https://abdn.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/

Members of the University: click on **Sign in** in the top right-hand corner. Use your University of Aberdeen computer username and password to sign in – this gives you access to extra services.

Please note: being signed in to your Microsoft 365 account makes the sign-in process easier



External members, visitors and members of the public: the search features in Primo are freely available to all users. External members of the Library can sign in with the barcode on their Library card and their PIN, to make requests and view their Library account. Other visitors to Primo are unable to sign in. Only University members can access our online materials through Primo. Selected online databases and full-text content are available via our separate Walk-In Users Service. More information on this service is available online. In all sites you will find PCs dedicated to accessing Primo.

Primo search rules

Boolean operators: combine your search terms using AND, OR, NOT
AND narrows a search, e.g. wellbeing AND exercise
OR broadens a search, e.g. sport OR exercise
NOT excludes unwanted results (but use with care!) e.g. earthquake NOT tsunami

Library guide to Primo

 Wildcard searching: use a question mark ? to find alternative characters within a word e.g. wom?n finds woman, women

Simple search box

There are six search options within the simple search function:





Primo results



- ✓ Number of results depends on the search tab that you use
- ✓ Number of results depends on best use of the search rules:

* for different endings	food* looks for food, foods, foodstuff, foodstuffs		
"phrase search"	"health food" looks for these exact words in this exact order		
Boolean operator OR	fiber* OR fibre* OR cable looks for either/any of these words (with different endings if * is used). Should present more results as alternative words are searched for		

✓ Results are reproducible. Everyone should see the same number of results for the same search on a particular day

Exercise: use Primo Books+

Try things out for yourself:

- quick check in Primo for books on your topic
- see Primo worksheet (use Books+ option)

Remember: you are only searching across words that appear in the title/description of items held by us

Ask for help – that's what we're here for





Use e-book collections

Examples of e-book collections - modern



Ebook Central

180,000+ full text items from lots of different publishers Mainly books, but some maps, reports, journals

ScienceDirect

15,000+ full text books published by Elsevier Presented in PDF chapters, can download as required

SpringerLink

85,000+ full texts books published by Springer
Presented in PDF chapters, can download as required
Can purchase print-on-demand copy

University Press Scholarship Online (Oxford Academic)

Items from selected University publishers









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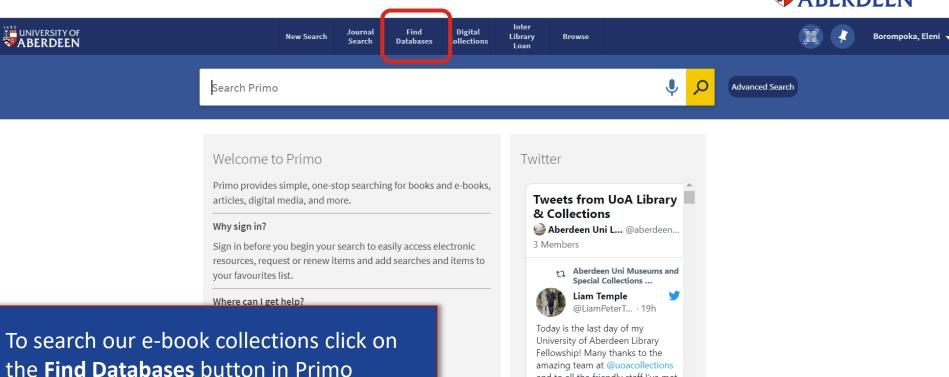












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· Contact library@abdn.ac.uk if you require further

Please be aware that there are descriptions and images of items in

assistance.

and to all the friendly staff I've met

at @aberdeenuni over the last two



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Databases by category

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- All Ebook Collections
- > All General Resources
- > Arts and Humanities
- > Engineering
- > Law
- > Life Sciences
- > Medicine and Health Sciences
- > Physical Sciences
- > Social Sciences

Search for databases

Use the following options to look for, and link to, databases:

- Enter database titles in the search box.
- Browse databases by category.

You can type the name of an e-book collection straight into the search box or browse the list of academic disciplines and see what is available in your field

Hypothetical research topic

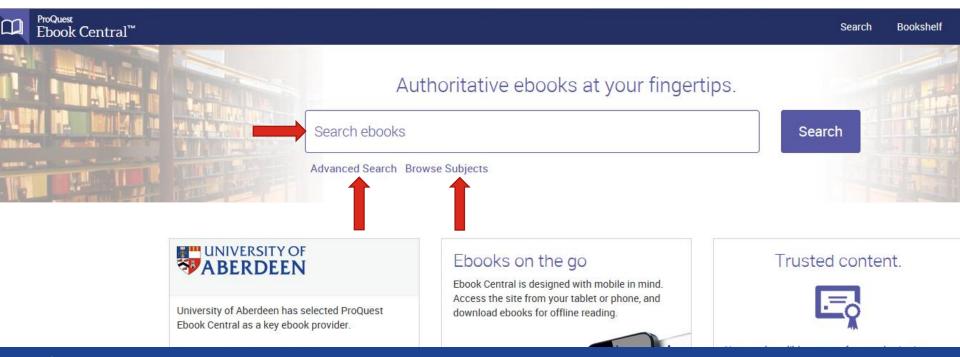
'Impact of peer pressure on drug use amongst adolescents'

keyword 1	"peer pressure""	OR	"youth culture"				
AND							
keyword 2	"drug use"	OR	"drug abuse"	OR	"substance abuse"		
AND							
keyword 3	adolescen*	OR	teenager*	OR	youths		



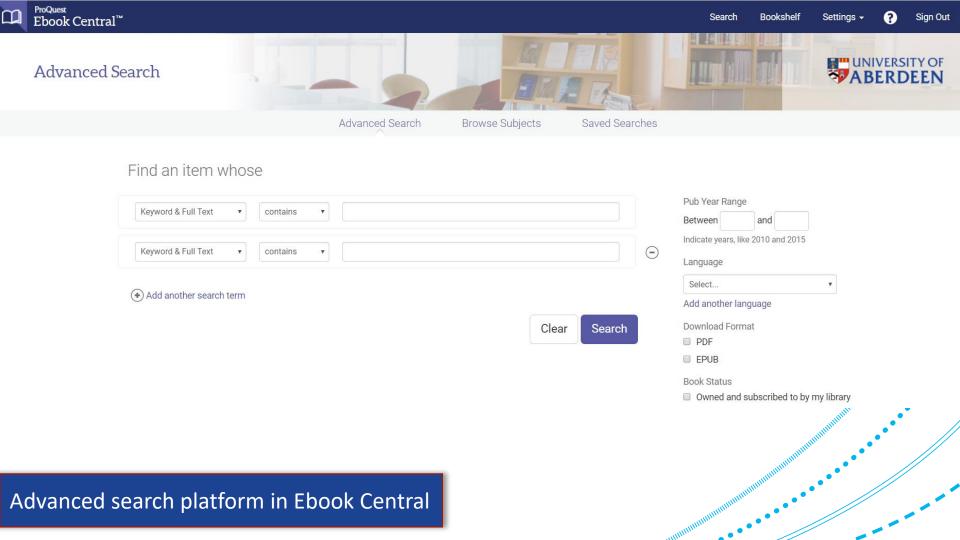
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Ebook Central search options

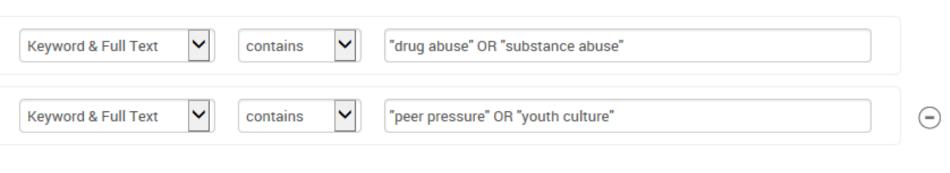


Search options:

- Can use the single search box here (will search across full text) and use your most specialised keyword or phrase
- Advanced search platform
- Browse the available subject areas



Find an item whose



Add another search term



Single search box in Ebook Central: using nesting

("drug abuse" OR "substance abuse") AND ("peer pressure" OR "youth culture")

Search

Retro search strategy – 1980s style

Uses "nesting"



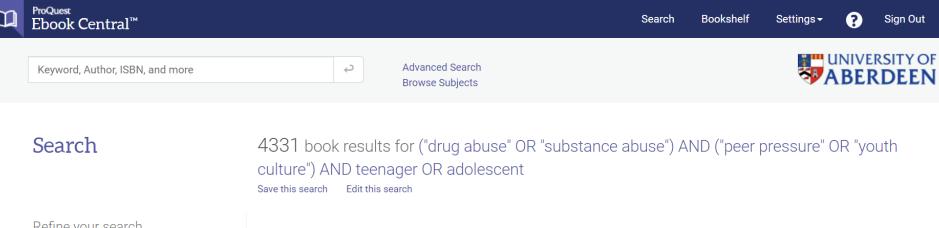
Similar keywords (or synonyms) linked with OR

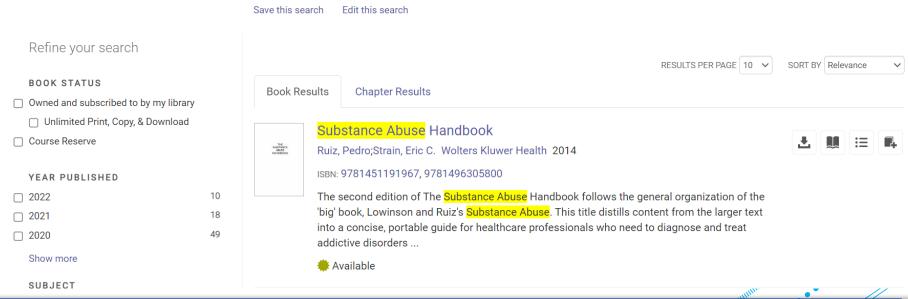
Phrases surrounded by double quotation marks

Each group of keywords contained in round brackets

Different groups of keywords linked with AND

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>4,000 book results in which the search words appear within the full-text!

Search

Refine your search

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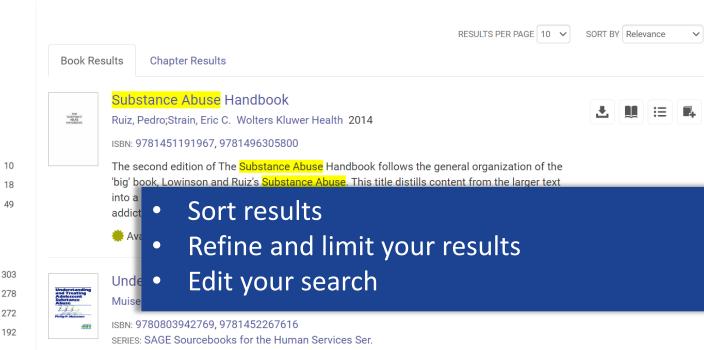
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- social science / sociology / general 303
- social science / criminology 278
- education / general 272
- social science / general

Show more

4331 book results for ("drug abuse" OR "substance abuse") AND ("peer pressure" OR "youth culture") AND teenager OR adolescent

Save this search Edit this search



Biological, psychological and social factors are considered in this volume in its exploration of

SUBJECT social science / sociology / general 2913 political science / general 2678 literary criticism / general 2438 2135 history / general Show more LANGUAGE English 73433 □ French 141 German 87 Show more **AUTHOR** Institute of Medicine 636 National Research Council 447 Division of Behavioral and Social 213 Sciences and Education 152 Unknown World Health Organization 105

Show more



Substance Abuse Treatment: Options, Challenges, and Effectiveness

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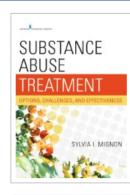




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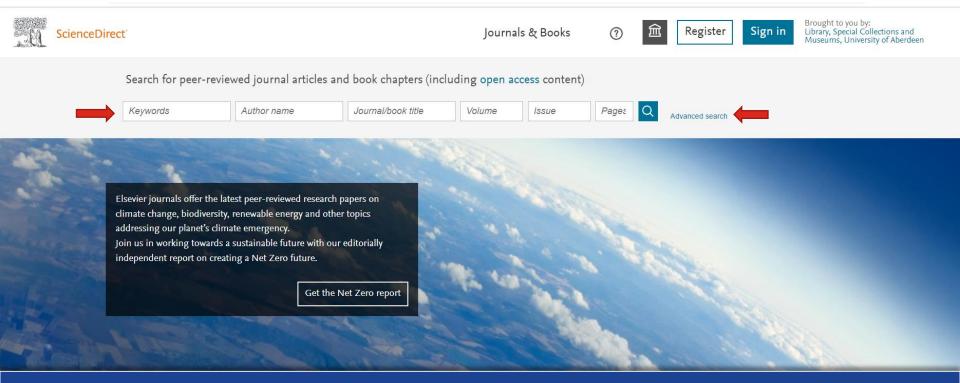


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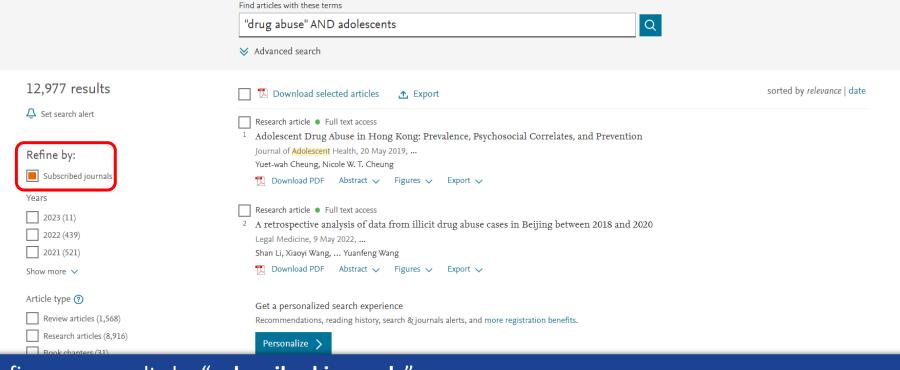
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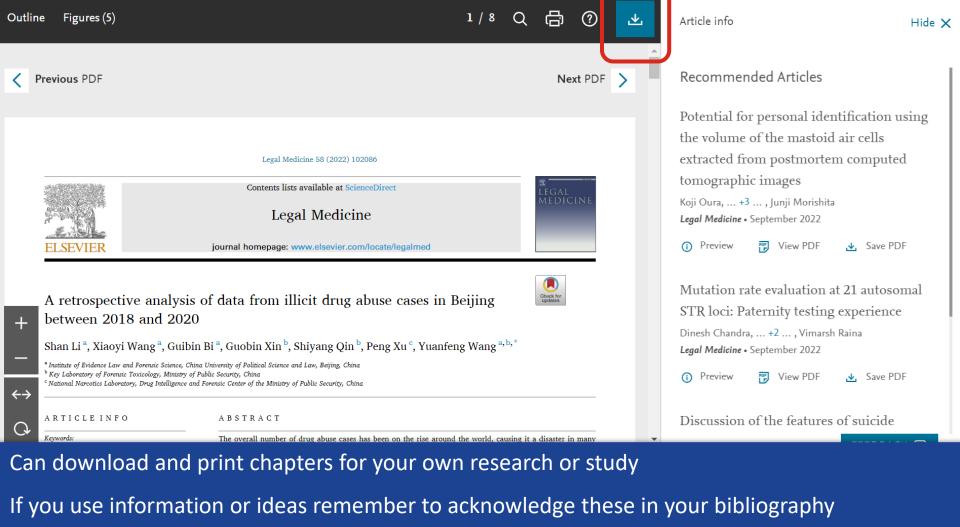
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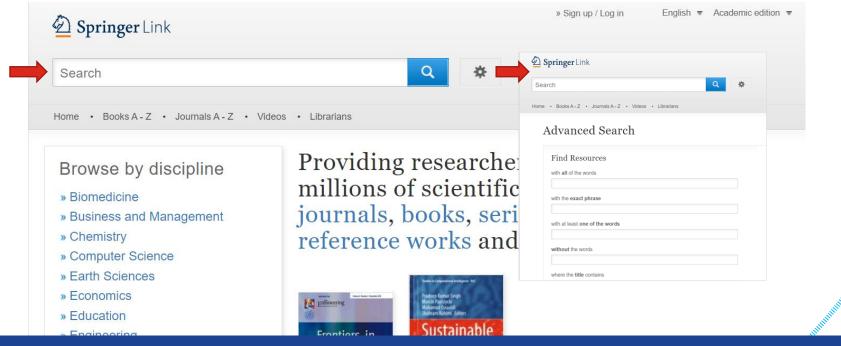




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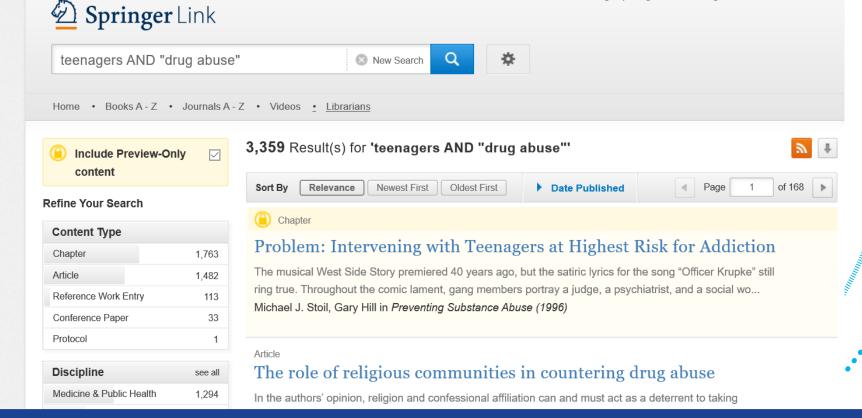


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- Keywords, other search terms
- Relationship between keywords OR, AND, NOT

Search rules

- Every resource is different
- Apply correctly for effective searches

Different resources for different document types Ask for help if you need it!



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