Advanced search hacks

Quick tips to make your literature searching more accurate

**Truncation * **
Use truncation if your keyword had various endings. Key in the main trunk of the word followed by an asterisk. This tells the database to look for all words which begin with those letters, but that end in any letters.

e.g. autis* will find autism and autistic

**Wildcards ? **
Insert ? to replace a letter or a number of letters in word. This is particularly useful when searching for English and American spellings of words.

e.g. Wom?n will find women and woman

**Phrase searching “” **
Place words that appear next to each other as a phrase in quotation marks.

e.g. “mainstream education” will find those two words together in that order rather than separate words on separate pages.

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