

Search Features in EEBO

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EEBO Tips & Tricks

1. Use search history feature to refine searches or combine searches using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)
2. When keyword searching, use the variant spellings, variant forms, and check for variants features to improve search results
3. Put quotation marks around your phrase when it contains the operator words and, or, not, near, or exact
4. Cannot combine truncation and wildcard operators with variant searching
5. Search terms grouped with parentheses will be searched first

Proximity Searching		
Operator	Searches	Example
NEAR	Documents containing specific words in <i>any</i> order within a specified distance between each other	<i>Education NEAR female Sly NEAR.6 fox</i>
FBY (followed by)	Documents containing a specific words in a specified order and distance from one another	<i>Heart FBY head Young FBY.5 in love</i>

Searching with Boolean Operators		
Operator	Indicates	Example
AND	Both search terms must appear in results	<i>women AND rights</i> retrieves results that contain both terms
OR	Either search term may appear in results	<i>parliament OR government</i> retrieves results that contain at least one of the terms
NOT	Results do not contain a specific search term	<i>Indies NOT West</i> retrieves results that exclude the term <i>West</i>

Searching with Wildcards			
Symbol	Represents	Placement	Example
*	Any number of characters	End of the word at the end of a phrase	<i>creat*</i> retrieves creature, creation, etc. <i>made in he*</i> retrieves made in heaven, made in hell, made in her, etc.
?	One or no characters	Anywhere in word	<i>hono?r</i> retrieves honor and honour

