

## Advanced Search Techniques

### Quick Reminder of basic search techniques:

<i>Literacy or reading</i>	AND	<i>primary or key stage 1 or key stage 2</i>
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### Truncation and wildcards

*teach\** - teach, teacher, teachers, teaching

*optimi?e* – optimise, optimize


### Search Limits

Limit your results

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Text	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
Publication <input type="text"/>	Publication Date Month: <input type="text"/> Year: <input type="text"/> - Month: <input type="text"/>
Publication Type All Academic Journal Book Newspaper	Document Type All Bibliography Biography Book Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Story	ISSN <input type="text"/>
Language All French German English	Educational Level Continuing Education Early Childhood Education Elementary Education Further Education (Great Britain)

These can include:

- Words only in article title (or in abstract, author's name, etc)
- Date of publication
- Publication type (eg journal article, book, research report)
- Age group or education level
- Geography or location
- Full-text only
- Peer-reviewed journals only depending on the database.

 Searching: Education Research Complete | [Choose Databases >](#)  
    
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Browsing: Education Thesaurus

Term Begins With  Term Contains  Relevancy Ranked

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Select term, then add to search using:  OR

(Click term to display details.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	LITERACY	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	LITERACY programs	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMPUTERS & literacy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FAMILY literacy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIA literacy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	LITERACY education	

**Search History** (or Recent Searches) – to combine or amend searches you have just done

### Saving searches, creating alerts and setting up RSS feeds:

These are all usually done either from a search results page, or from Search History, depending on the database:

#### Search History/Alerts

[Print Search History](#) | [Retrieve Searches](#) | [Retrieve Alerts](#) | [Save Searches / Alerts](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> Select / deselect all		<b>Search with AND</b>	<b>Search with OR</b>	<b>Delete Searches</b>	<b>Refresh Search Results</b>
Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options		Actions	
<input type="checkbox"/> S1	( literacy or reading ) AND ( interventions or strategies ) AND ( boy or boys )	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase		<a href="#">View Results (33)</a>   <a href="#">View Details</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a>	

**Saving a search** means that next time you log into that database, you will be able to re-run the same search without typing it in again. In most databases, you'll first need to create an **account (My EbscoHost** in most Education databases – create it once and it will work for all Ebsco databases).

**Creating an alert** means you ask the database to alert you, usually by sending you an email, each time new articles are added to the database which would match your preferred search strategy.

**RSS feeds** will proactively push information about relevant articles into an RSS feed reader (so you have to be using one of these already, such as Feedly, Feedreader or directly within your browser).

**Education**  
299 unread articles

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