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Advanced Search Techniques

Quick Reminder of basic search techniques:

*Literacy **or** reading*	**AND**	*primary **or** key stage 1 **or** key stage 2*

Truncation and wildcards

teach* - teach, teacher, teachers, teaching   *optimi?e* – optimi**s**e, optimi**z**e

Search Limits

Limit your results

Full Text
☐

Publication
[   ]

Publication Type
All
Academic Journal
Book
Newspaper

Cover Story
☐

Language
All
French
German
English

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
☑

Publication Date
Month ▼ Year: [   ] – Month

Document Type
All
Bibliography
Biography
Book Review

ISSN
[   ]

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.

EBSCO HOST Searching: **Education Research Complete** | Choose Databases »
[   ] [Search] [Clear]
Basic Search | Advanced Search | Search History

Browsing: **Education Thesaurus**
[literacy   ] [Browse]
◯ Term Begins With ◉ Term Contains ◯ Relevancy Ranked

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Select term, then add to search using: [OR ▼] [Add]   **Explode**

(Click term to display details.)

☐ LITERACY   ☐
☐ LITERACY programs   ☐
☐ COMPUTERS & literacy
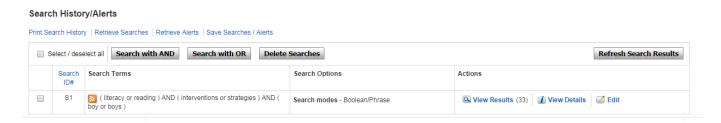☐ FAMILY literacy
☐ MEDIA literacy
☐ LITERACY education

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

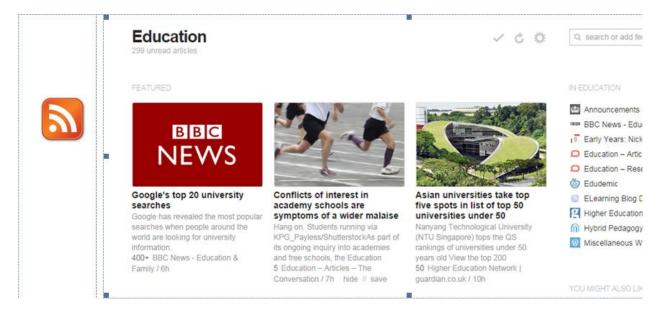**Saving searches, creating alerts and setting up RSS feeds:**

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

	Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options	Actions
☐ Select / deselect all	**Search with AND**	**Search with OR**	**Delete Searches**	**Refresh Search Results**
☐	S1	(literacy or reading) AND (interventions or strategies) AND (boy or boys)	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	🔍 View Results (33) ⓘ View Details 📝 Edit

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).

EndNote Web: you can use this software through your Oxford Brookes login to help you keep track of your references and create bibliographies. More details on the Library Web pages:

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/library-services/endnote/