Advanced News Searching: Nexis

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- The New Home Page
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- News and Company Subtabs
- Finding Sources
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**TERMS & CONNECTORS**

**Or** – increases the number of your search results because any of your keywords appear in a result. Use for synonyms, alternate spellings, and abbreviations

Dog or Cat

**And** – decreases the number of search results because all of your search terms have to occur within the full text of a result

Dog and Cat

**And Not** – decreases the number of searches to find one term while not containing the other.

Dog and not Cat

! – increases your number of search results because it applies unlimited truncation to a term

Health! Will retrieve: health, healthier, healthiest, healthy, etc
TERM & CONNECTORS

**W/** - decreases the number of your results because it forces your search terms to occur within a certain number of words of each other. **W/##, w/p, w/s. Your terms could occur in any order**

Coffee w/5 fair trade
Will find coffee ... fair trade as well as fair trade ... coffee

**Pre/** - decreases the number of your results because it forces your search terms to occur within a certain number of words of each other in the order you type them.

Coffee pre/5 fair trade
Will only find results where coffee appears at most five words before fair trade. **Use with Caution**
Advanced Commands

**Nocaps** – will only retrieve instances of your search term if it’s completely lower case

**Nocaps(aids)** will retrieve aids not AIDS

**Allcaps** – will only retrieve instances of your search term if it’s completely upper case

**allcaps(aids)** will retrieve AIDS not aids

**Atleast#(search term)**- specify the minimum number of times a term must occur in a result
Advanced Commands: Singular vs Plural

Lexis will search for both the singular and plural forms of a term by default but you can limit it to either.

**Bird** will find bird as well as birds

**Singular**(bird) will find only bird

**Plural**(bird) will find only birds
Segments

Byline - author’s name
Headline - title of an article
Geographic - geographic region
Body - text of a news article
Text - text of legislative or regulatory material
Thank you for attending!

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