

# To **AND OR NOT?** Boolean Search Techniques

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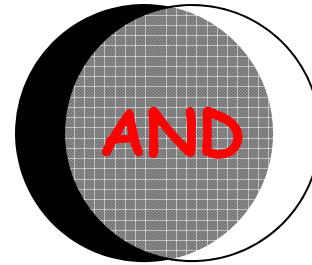
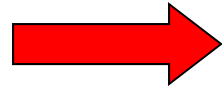
**AND** **OR** **NOT**



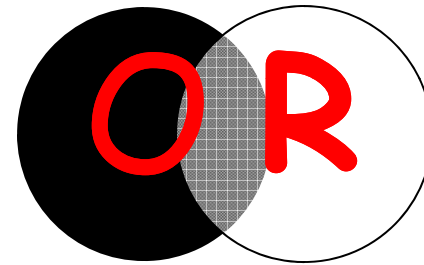
Boolean search terms are "tools" that give speed and precision to your literature searches.



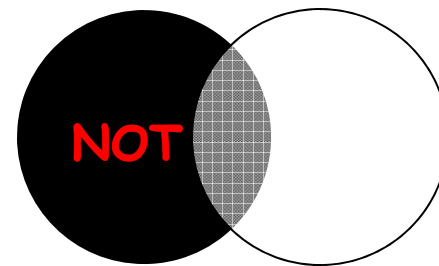
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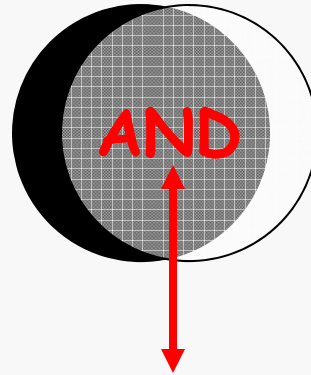


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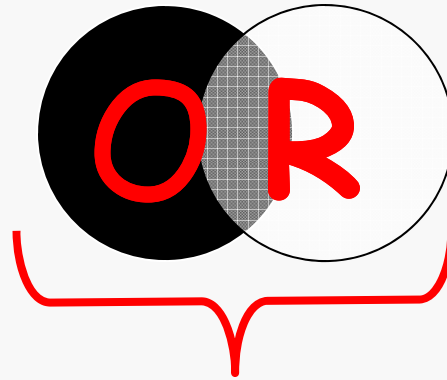


BLACK AND WHITE

This Boolean **AND** search will yield items where the words **BLACK** and **WHITE** appear in the same article.

Results will not include documents that:

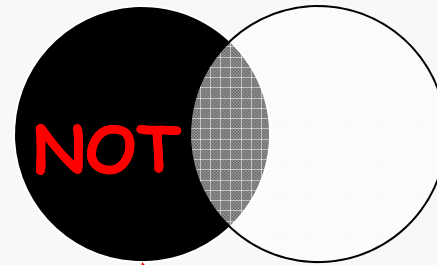
- Only contain **BLACK**
- Only contain **WHITE**



BLACK OR WHITE

This Boolean **OR** search will yield items containing:

- Only the word **BLACK**
- Only the word **WHITE**
- Both **BLACK** and **WHITE**



BLACK NOT WHITE

This Boolean **NOT** search must be used with care. It may deprive you of important information.

It will only retrieve those articles that contain the word BLACK, but only if those articles do not contain the word WHITE.

# Now you know!

AND

OR

NOT



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