

Sample Searches and What You'll Find

The examples below illustrate the kinds of searches you can build in **Basic** or **Advanced** searches using operators and fields.

Content varies between ProQuest databases; therefore, the number of articles found using the examples below would vary.

Note: The words AND and OR are capitalized to show that it is being used as a search operator. You do not need to do this when entering a search in ProQuest.

fiber

Finds articles that contain the word fiber. If Spelling Variants is turned on, this will also find fibers, fiber's, fibers', fibre, fibres, fibre's and fibres'.

educat?

Finds articles containing the words: education, educator, educate, educating, educational, educated, education's, and educators. The * is the truncation symbol to find multiple forms of a word.

weather AND pacific ocean

Finds articles that contain the word weather and the phrase pacific ocean.

"stem cell research"

Finds articles containing the exact phrase **stem cell research**.

Use quotation marks to find an exact phrase match.

su(tourism) AND (arizona OR california)

Finds articles about tourism that mention either Arizona or California. You can find Subject Terms in the **Thesaurus** in the **Search Guide** or the **Advanced Search Method**. You may be able to **Browse Lists** of Subject Terms if this feature is turned on for your Collection.

cap(panda)

Finds articles that have a caption containing the word panda. Use the Caption search field, or select Image Caption from the All Basic Search Fields dropdown in the Guided Search Method to find articles containing graphics with your search term in the caption.

au(Dave Barry)

Finds articles written by Dave Barry, a popular commentary writer. You can also enter **au(Barry, Dave)** or **au(barry dave)** and get the same results.

at(book review) AND name(Stephen King)

Finds book reviews of works by Stephen King. Use the Article Type search field to find different kinds of articles, including biographies, interviews, and recipes.

Note that **na** is a valid abbreviation for **name**.

source(Fortune) AND company(Ford)

Finds articles from the magazine *Fortune* about the company Ford. Use the Publication Name (Source) search field to restrict your search to a specific newspaper or periodical. Use the Company field to restrict to a specific company. This search could also be expressed as **so(fortune) and co(ford)**.