

## Comparison of Search Techniques in most databases, JSTOR and Google

	<b>Most databases (EBSCO and Gale) Humanities International Complete and Academic OneFILE</b>	<b>JSTOR</b>	<b>Google</b>
Boolean "And"	Must type "and" between terms	Automatic "and" between terms	Automatic "and" between terms
Boolean "Or"	Must type "or" between terms	Must type "or" between terms	Type uppercase "OR" between terms
Boolean "Not"	Must type "not" between terms	Must type "not" between terms	Must type – immediately before term – <i>reviews</i>
Word order	Will <b>not</b> change search results	Will <b>not</b> change search results	<b>WILL change search results</b>
Capitalization of terms	Will <b>not</b> change search results	Will <b>not</b> change search results	Will <b>not</b> change search results
Exact phrase	Put phrase in ""	Put phrase in ""	Put phrase in ""
Stop words	Ignores common words ( <i>a, the,</i> and most prepositions <i>in, of</i> etc.)	Ignores common words ( <i>a, the,</i> and most prepositions <i>in, of</i> etc.)	Ignores common words including single numbers and digits. Use "+" to force Google to look for the term <i>World War +1</i>
Truncation-finds any variation on the end of a word	* A search with adolescen* will give results for adolescent, adolescents, adolescence	* A search with adolescen* will give results for adolescent, adolescents, adolescence	Automatically searches for variations on your term. Do not use *

For more on Google searching see:  
<http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/basics.html>  
<http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/refinesearch.html>

For more on database searching, use the "help" button in the database.