

Subscription Database Advanced Search Functions

Search Functions	GALE	CQ Researcher	EBSCO – Points of View	
Controlled Vocabulary	Subject terms, Subject Guide Search	Browse by Topic	Category, then more specific Topic	
Wildcards	* used for any number of characters after 1 st 3 letters of a word. ? exactly one character, use for uncertain spelling ! one or no characters, use for plurals	*, ?	*, ? Singular form of word always brings up plurals as well but not vice versa.	
Phrase Searching	"sink or swim" "wind turbine" "wind turbines" No wildcards with phrase searching.	"wind turbine*"	"wind turbine"	
Boolean Operators	AND NOT OR	AND = space NOT OR	AND NOT OR	
Nesting	wildcards, proximity, not , and, or	parentheses	parentheses (wind AND (energy OR plant))AND renewable	
Proximity Searching	w# within # of words after wind w2 plants n# word occurs # in either direction energy n5 renewable No wildcards, phrasing or parentheses.	w/5	w# n#	
Limiting	article type, full-text, image, date, peer reviewed	date, sections	Cover story, full-text, peer reviewed, date, # of pages	
Keeping Current	RSS feed or Infomark	Email alert	RSS feed or save search	
Viewing Results	Tab across and page down	Issue tracker and sections	All results or tab across formats , then page down	