Connect Your Terms
To specify how your terms are to be searched, you will need to select or type connectors (Boolean operators). Three commonly used connectors are:

**AND** = Narrows search. Every article must contain all terms

![Diagram of AND connector](image)

**Example:**

![Example screenshot with AND connector](image)

**OR** = Broadens and expands search. Articles may contain any term.

![Diagram of OR connector](image)

**Example:**

![Example screenshot with OR connector](image)
**NOT** = Limits search. Eliminates articles with *unwanted* concepts.

### Example:

For more information on combining search terms, consult this lively interactive tutorial at: [http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/boolean_info.html](http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/boolean_info.html)

### Truncate Your Terms:

- Use to obtain multiple variations of a word stem without needing to type them in.
- To truncate a term, type an asterisk following the word stem.
- Example - `prevent*` retrieves `prevent`, `prevents`, `preventative`, `prevented`, `preventing` `prevention`