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Connectors in Lexis Advance[®]

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Using Connectors in Lexis Advance®

Connectors establish relationships among search words/terms. Lexis Advance® recognizes many frequently used connectors from lexis.com. The following is a list of supported connectors and their translation in Lexis Advance:

Connector	Lexis Advance
and not	On lexis.com the corresponding connector is the same – “and not.”
or	Lexis Advance reads an implied or connector between search terms for natural language searches.
near/N	Corresponds to w/N, w/p, /p, w/s or /s on lexis.com. In Lexis Advance, use near/50 to find words in the same paragraph and near/15 to find words in the same sentence. near/N and w/N have the same behavior on lexis.com and Lexis Advance.
and	Use the and connector to find words that are far apart from one another or in different sections.

Searches using **and** usually find more documents than searches using the **near** connector. As a general rule, use **and** when it doesn't matter where your search words appear in a document. Use the **near** connector when there is a connection between your search terms and you need to find the terms near each other.

Priority of connectors: Lexis Advance treats connectors in the following order – not, or, all proximity connectors (left to right)*, and.

Entering Connectors in Lexis Advance

Be sure to type **and** and all other connectors in lower case. Any connector entered in upper case will be treated as a search term, not a connector, and your results will not be what you expect. For example:

- Lexis.com: **dog AND cat = dog and cat**
- Lexis Advance: If at least one character in the connector words (**and, or, near, not**) is not in lowercase, then it will be treated as an ordinary word and not a connector.
- **dog AND cat:** natural language search
- **dog And cat:** natural language search
- **dog and cat:** natural language search
- **dog and cat:** Boolean search

Common Legal Phrases

Lexis Advance automatically interprets many common legal phrases, such as "limited liability partnership" or "summary judgment," as phrases rather than individual search terms. However, if you want to be sure a phrase you are searching for is interpreted as a phrase, enclose it in quotation marks.

Connectors within a recognized legal phrase will not be treated as connectors. For example, *cease and desist order*, *act or omission*, *clear and convincing evidence*, and *search and seizure* are all common legal phrases and Lexis® Advance will not interpret the **and** as a connector.

- Lexis.com treats *search and seizure* as a Boolean search and will return documents that contain both “search” and “seizure” anywhere in the document.
- Lexis Advance recognizes *search and seizure* as a common legal phrase and treats it as a natural language search.

NOT: Use the **and not** connector to find documents in which a search word or phrase is to be excluded. For example, *capital and not gains*. The **and not** exclusion covers the entire document. Results will be excluded if the word "gains" appears anywhere in the document.

Use the ***** to represent one or more characters within a word. For example, *int**net* would find internet and intranet. Alternatively, **?** can be used as well. Continue to use **!** (or *****) as a root expander.