Lexis Advance®

Connectors in Lexis Advance®

Lexis Advance® provides a more efficient and intuitive way for you to search
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:

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<th>Connector</th>
<th>Lexis Advance</th>
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<td><strong>and not</strong></td>
<td>On lexis.com the corresponding connector is the same – “and not.”</td>
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<td><strong>or</strong></td>
<td>Lexis Advance reads an implied or connector between search terms for natural language searches.</td>
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<td><strong>near/N</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>and</strong></td>
<td>Use the and connector to find words that are far apart from one another or in different sections.</td>
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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.