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# USING SEARCH COMMANDS AND CONNECTORS AT LEXIS ADVANCE®

Lexis Advance® lets you use advanced search commands. If you're comfortable using search commands and connectors—! **and** \* to truncate words and **W/n, OR, AND, &**, etc., to connect search words and phrases—you can use these special commands to develop Lexis Advance searches. Here's what you need to know:

## LEXIS ADVANCE AUTOMATICALLY INTERPRETS

### SEARCH COMMANDS

Just enter your words and commands in the Lexis Advance Red Search Box, e.g., ENTER: drone and commercial W/10 deliver!. **Commands are not case-sensitive**, i.e., enter AND, And or and.

### BROADEN W/N CONNECTORS

While a Lexis Advance search ignores certain “noise words” added to your search, it **counts all words** in results documents **for the purpose of determining proximity**. So broaden your W/n connector. In other words, consider W/10 instead of W/5. For W/p and W/s, consider W/75 or W/25 respectively.

### SEARCH LEXIS® WEB SEPARATELY

Only the AND and & connectors work. The other commands do not operate in web documents.

### LET THE ADVANCED SEARCH HELP YOU

For help selecting connectors, select the **Advanced Search** link above the Red Search Box to access Advanced Search forms, which provide fields that help you use the right connector.

## WHEN MORE THAN ONE CONNECTOR IS USED ...

Lexis Advance acts on the connectors in this order:

- OR
- Proximity connectors (W/n, /p, near/n, etc. See next page.) from the smallest to the largest number value
- AND (You can use & instead of AND, except in legal phrases.)
- AND NOT or BUT NOT

For example, you ENTER: *bankrupt! /25 discharg!*  
*AND student OR college OR education! /5 loan.*

First, Lexis Advance creates a unit of student OR college OR education!. Next Lexis Advance joins *loan* with *student OR college OR education!* to create a unit. Then *bankrupt! /25 discharg!* is joined to create a second unit. Finally AND (or &) operates last, joining the two created units.

## COMMON LEGAL PHRASES

The Lexis Advance service automatically recognizes many common legal phrases, e.g., *limited liability partnership*, *summary judgment*, and *search and seizure*. However, if you want to be sure any phrase you're searching is recognized, enclose it in quotation marks, i.e., ENTER: “*right to work.*”

# Here's an overview of Lexis Advance commands and connectors and how they work:

| Command/<br>Connector          | Overview  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| !                              | Child! finds child, children, childless, childish, etc.<br>Used after word endings only. The word requires a minimum of three characters for the wildcard to be applied. Find the word root plus an unlimited number of additional characters.<br>Note: Lexis Advance automatically finds common plural words, i.e., ending in s, es and ies.         |
| *                              | <b>When used as a suffix: Bank* is the same as Bank! The ! and * are equivalents. They will both replace 0 or more characters.</b><br>Search results for bank* include bank, banks, banking, banker and bankruptcy.   |
| OR                             | <b>physician OR doctor</b><br>Lexis Advance finds documents with either word or both words.   |
| AND (or &)                     | <b>bank* AND deregulat!</b><br><b>bank* &amp; deregulat!</b><br>Lexis Advance finds documents with BOTH words only. Words can be ANYWHERE in the same document, not necessarily close in context. When entering legal phrases that contain AND, e.g., “cease and desist order,” use “and” because Lexis Advance is reading the phrase literally.      |
| <b>Proximity Connectors:</b>   |   |
| W/n or near/n                  | <b>disparate W/10 impact</b> or <b>disparate near/10 impact</b> or <b>disparate +10 impact</b><br>(Use a number with W/n or near/n)   |
| PRE/n or ONEAR/n<br>+n, +s, +p | <b>cable PRE/1 tv OR television</b> or <b>cable ONEAR/1 tv OR television</b><br>(The first word must precede the second within a specific number of words.)   |
| W/p or /p                      | Converts to W/75  |
| W/s or /s                      | Converts to W/25  |
| W/seg or /seg                  | Converts to W/100   |
| NOT W/n or NOT /n              | <b>disparate NOT W/10 impact</b> finds documents where disparate is not within 10 words of impact. (Use a number with NOT W/n.)   |
| AND NOT or %<br>or BUT NOT     | <b>rico AND NOT puerto</b> or <b>rico % puerto</b> or <b>rico BUT NOT puerto</b><br>Lexis Advance finds documents with “rico.” Documents with any mention of “puerto” —anywhere in the document—will not be retrieved.  |
| ATLEASTn                       | You must use a number and search words in parentheses with ATLEASTn.<br>ENTER: <b>atleast5(obama AND putin AND oil)</b> and a Lexis Advance search will find documents with at least five mentions of each search word. You can use the OR and AND connectors with ATLEASTn. You can use the OR, AND and proximity connectors like W/n with ATLEASTn. |

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