



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEXIS.COM® AND LEXIS ADVANCE®

The Lexis Advance® service processes searches differently from searching the *lexis.com*® service. For example, Lexis Advance automatically distinguishes between natural language and words-and-commands searches. Just enter and go. **Please note these search command differences between Lexis Advance and *lexis.com*:**

Lexis Advance offers some search word and command advantages over *lexis.com*:

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- **Hyphenated words**, e.g., pre-trial retrieves both *pre trial* and *pre-trial* but not *pretrial*.
- **Uses the asterisk (*) as the single character wild card**, e.g., *anders*n* or *lars*n*.
- **Recognizes only some commands** from competing online legal publishers, e.g., *BUT NOT = AND NOT*.
- **Some date restrictor commands** from competing online legal publishers do not work at *lexis.com*.
- **No search feedback** is available to automatically help with your next steps.
- There is a **limit of 3,000 search results documents**.
- Enter up to **1,000-character searches**.

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- **Hyphenated words** at Lexis Advance operate in a similar manner **but retrieve the non-hyphenated word as well**, i.e., pre-trial retrieves *pre-trial*, *pre trial* **and** *pretrial*.
- **Uses the industry-standard question mark (?) as the single character wild card**, e.g., *anders?n* or *lars?n*.
- **Recognizes additional commands** from competing online legal publishers, e.g., *BUT NOT = AND NOT*, *AND NOT = ANDNOT*, *+p = pre/p*, *+s = pre/s* and *+n = pre/n*.
- **Date restrictor commands** from competing online legal publishers work at Lexis Advance, i.e., *da(aft 2000)* or *da(before 2000)* or *da(2000)* or *da(bef 2000 and aft 1997)*. Additionally =, < and > work at Lexis Advance.
- **Get feedback on each search results page automatically**. See clearly which search words and which commands were recognized so you can change course, if needed.
- There is **no limitation on search results documents**. Start broad and use the filters on the results screen to home in on the documents you need.
- **Enter up to 3,000 characters** in the Lexis Advance Red Search Box.

Lexis Advance search words and commands mirror *lexis.com* in these instances:

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- *lexis.com* **processes words and connectors** in searches in this order:
 1. OR
 2. /n, pre/n, NOT /n,
 3. /s,
 4. /p,
 5. /seg,
 6. NOT /seg, AND, AND NOT

Smallest proximity connectors (e.g., /n) process before larger proximity connectors, e.g., /5 processes before /10.

- *lexis.com* **recognizes many segment command variations.** For example, search *JUDGE(ginsberg)* instead of *JUDGES(ginsberg)*, and you'll still get results.
- *lexis.com* allows you to search within your results set, i.e., use the **FOCUS™ feature** to refine your results.
- At *lexis.com*, a **space between search terms** is read as a space, and the terms are treated as a phrase, i.e., *disparate impact*.

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- Lexis Advance **processes words and connectors in the same order** as *lexis.com*.

- Lexis Advance recognizes virtually the **same segment commands and variations.**

Lexis Advance also supports all *lexis.com* date commands.

- Lexis Advance also allows you to search within your result set. Use the **Search Within Results** box.
- Lexis Advance also reads a space as a space and treats search terms such as *disparate impact* as a phrase.

These search commands operate differently at Lexis Advance than at *lexis.com*:

SPECIAL (BOOLEAN) COMMAND

Quotation marks and use of "wild cards"

Quotes and use of the & connector

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Wild cards, e.g., !, do operate when nested within quotation marks, e.g., "*operat!*"

& will operate as AND when nested within quotation marks.

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Wild cards do not operate as wild cards when nested within quotation marks, i.e., Lexis Advance returns exact matches to the words in quotes.

& does not operate as AND when nested within quotation marks. Lexis Advance returns exact matches to the words in quotes.

SPECIAL (BOOLEAN) COMMAND

Proximity connectors

- /s (within sentence)
- /p (within paragraph)
- /seg (within segment)

Proximity connector—noise words

Replace a character/wild card for word root/suffix

ALLCAPS/NOCAPS command

Singular/plural command

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Proximity **approximates** ends of sentence/ends of paragraph/ends of segment.

lexis.com skips noise words, e.g., the, an, for, etc., when you look for matches in a proximity search, so broader results will be retrieved.

! finds word roots/suffixes only, i.e., it cannot be used in the middle of a word.

Supported (but very rarely used), e.g., **ALLCAPS(AIDS)** will find **AIDS** but not **aids**.

Supported (but very rarely used), e.g., **PLURAL (job)** finds **Steve Jobs** and **jobs market** but not **job creation**.

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The /s, /p and /seg proximity connectors are **translated into /n** (within a specific number of words) commands:

- /s = /25 (within 25 words)
- /p = /75 (within 75 words)
- /seg = /100 (within 100 words)

You can enter your own specific /n command, e.g., /30 as an alternative to /s if you wish to cast a wider net. The Lexis Advance /n approach gives you more precision versus the *lexis.com* approach, which depends on the style of the author, who may use many words to capture ideas or only a few words to capture ideas.

Lexis Advance provides exact matching based upon proximity distance; i.e., **noise words are counted**.

*** and ! are equivalent** in Lexis Advance, i.e., they will find word roots/suffixes when added to a root of at least three characters.

Currently these commands are **not supported**.

If these commands are entered at the Lexis Advance service, you receive notification that they are not supported and you are provided assistance in editing your search.

Currently these commands are **not supported**.

To search for the singular or plural form, use quotes. For example, use “dog” for singular or “dogs” for plural.

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