THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEXIS.COM® AND LEXIS ADVANCE® SEARCH COMMANDS

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 5,000 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*.

- At *lexis.com*, you can use these specialized search commands: ALLCAPS, e.g., allcaps(AIDS); NOCAPS, e.g., nocaps(aids); and CAPS, e.g., caps(Rico)

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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.

- When you search news content at Lexis Advance, you can use the ALLCAPS, NOCAPS and CAPS search commands.

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

**SPECIAL (BOOLEAN) COMMAND**

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<td>Wild cards, e.g., !, do operate when nested within quotation marks, e.g., “operat!”</td>
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### Proximity Connectors

- **/s** (within sentence)
- **/p** (within paragraph)
- **/seg** (within 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.

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

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 only, i.e., it cannot be used in the middle of a word.

Currently these commands are **not supported.**

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

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