

# Search Tips – Article Databases

## Basic Search Tips

The rule of thumb for searching is:

- Start with a **keyword** search
- Use **AND** to narrow your search results (e.g. VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN)
- Use **OR** to find more results (e.g. VIOLENCE OR AGGRESSION)

## Article Databases

Journal and Newspaper articles can be found in [eResources > Databases](#). Contact the JIBC Library for the Username & Password needed for off-campus access.

1. Use the asterisk \* **symbol** to find all endings of a word (e.g. CHILD\* will find CHILD, CHILDREN, CHILDLESS)/
2. To search for an **exact phrase**, enclose your terms in “**quotation marks**”.
3. Use **parentheses ( )** to tell the database how to combine the keywords in your search. The database evaluates the search terms inside the parentheses first, and then merges the result with the search terms outside the parenthesis.  
If you search for: **(diversity or multicultural\*) and police**  
The database searches for articles containing the words *diversity* and *police* and for articles with the words *multicultural\** and *police*.
4. To refine your results, enter search limiters such as a **date range** or check **scholarly-reviewed journals only**.
5. Check the Results to see if the articles are available in PDF or HTML **full-text**; or, in-print at the **JIBC Library**.