

**Systematic Literature Search**

**Workshop Activity**

**Activity 1**

**My research question is:**

**What types of information would answer my question?**

**The main concepts of my research question are:**

Put each of the concepts into its own column. Under each concept brainstorm different ways this could be expressed.

**Logic Grid**

<b>Concept 1</b>	<b>Concept 2</b>	<b>Concept 3</b>	<b>Concept 4</b>

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## Activity 2

Go back over your logic grid and edit any of your search terms that would be served using truncation, phrase searching or proximity operators.

Command	Action
* or ?	Truncation- using wildcard symbols to replace one or more letters Example: <i>behavio*</i> will find <i>behavior, behavioral, behaviour, behavioural, etc.</i>
“ “	Phrase search is used when you want to ensure the database searches for precisely the text you have written. Example: <i>“gothic fiction”</i> vs <i>gothic OR fiction</i>
NEAR/x or N/x	NEAR, the proximity operator. This specifies that two words must be within a certain distance of each other. Example: <i>Operating NEAR/2 system</i>

Please note that syntax can change over databases

## Activity 3

### Combine your search terms using Boolean operators

Combine your synonyms for each concept with OR and nest in parentheses

(*Concept OR synonym OR synonym*)

Link each concept with AND

(*Concept 1*) AND (*Concept 2*) AND (*Concept 3*)

OR	Find articles containing either of the specified terms Example: <i>diet OR nutrition</i>
AND	Find articles containing both specified words Example: <i>school AND policy</i>
()	Use the parentheses to group words Example: ( <i>diet OR nutrition</i> ) AND <i>school AND policy</i>

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### Activity 4

- Go to ProQuest
- Enter your search string
- Document your search on your worksheet

### Activity 5

- On your worksheet document your search using the descriptive table provided below.
- Reflect what other information could you document?

Database searched	Date of Search	Saved in database Y/N	Search string	Fields searched/ Filters/ Limits	Search results	Notes

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