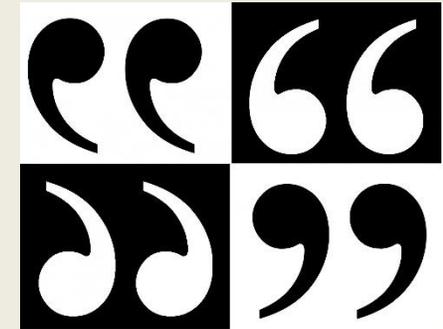
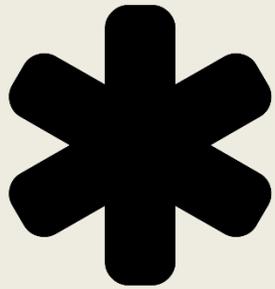


# Tricks for searching databases



## Research Topic: Bullying amongst boys in secondary schools

<b>Row 1</b>	Concept 1: Bullying	Concept 2: Boys	Concept 3: Secondary schools
<b>Row 2</b>	Harassment Victimisation Fighting Teasing Aggressive behaviour	Young men Adolescents Teenagers Youths Young people Gender	High schools Post-primary education Colleges

# Trick 1: Quotation marks

Search for a phrase by using quote marks

This will find the whole phrase together, rather than **secondary** in one place and **schools** in another.

e.g. “secondary schools”

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# Trick 2: Asterisk

Use \* at the end of words to find multiple endings

\* will match zero or more letters.

e.g. boy\* matches boy, boys, boyhood

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<b>Row 2</b>	<b>Harass*</b> Victimisation Fighting Teasing “Aggressive behaviour”	“Young men” <b>Adolescen*</b> <b>Teen*</b> <b>Youth*</b> “Young people” <b>Gender*</b>	<b>“High school*”</b> “Post-primary education” <b>College*</b>

# Trick 3: Question mark

Use ? to find variant spellings

? will match zero letters or one letter.

e.g. behavio?r matches behaviour and behavior

wom?n matches woman and women

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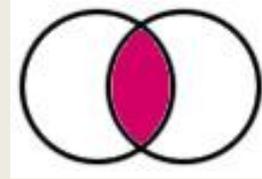
# Combining searches

- **AND** is used to combine different concepts
  - Finding articles about both bullying AND boys
- **OR** is used to combine synonyms for the same concept
  - Finding articles about boys OR males (or both)
- **NOT** is used to exclude terms (can be risky!)
  - Excluding articles about primary education

# Combining searches

**AND**

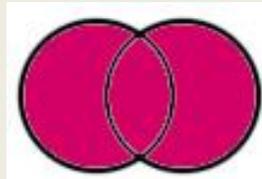
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**NARROWS  
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**OR**

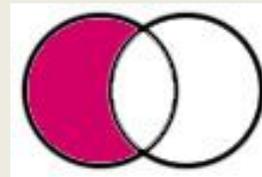
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**BROADENS  
SEARCH**

**NOT**

secondary **NOT**  
primary



**NARROWS  
SEARCH**

# Research Topic: Bullying amongst boys in secondary schools

<b>Row 1</b>	Concept 1: Bullying	Concept 2: Boys	Concept 3: Secondary schools
<b>Row 2</b>	Harassment Victimisation Physical Verbal Fighting Teasing Cyber-bullying Aggressive behaviour	Young men Males Adolescents Teenagers Youths Young people Gender	High schools Post-primary education Private schools State schools Colleges GCSE A level KS3 / Key Stage Three
<b>Row 3</b>	<b>bull* OR harass* OR victimisation OR “aggressive behavi?r” OR teasing OR fighting</b>	<b>boy* OR “young m?n” OR adolescen* OR teen* OR youth* OR “young people” OR gender*</b>	<b>“secondary school*” OR “high school*” OR “post-primary education” OR college*</b>

cyber-bullying

OR

~~Bullying~~

violence

OR

harassment  
peer pressure

safeguarding  
behavior

AND

among

boys

in

OR  
teenagers

gender

OR

single sex

"high school"

OR

~~secondary schools~~

KS3 / Key Stage three

education

OR

state school

is?

NOT

bulldozers

AND