General Operators

OPERATOR	USE	EXAMPLE
" "	Exact phrase as written	"peanut butter"
AND	Results containing **both** terms	peanut AND butter
OR	Results with **either** term	peanut OR butter
( )	Group for clarity	(peanut butter AND jelly) OR pbj

These search operators can be used anywhere.

Search Engine Operators (Google)

OPERATOR	USE
-	Exclude from results
site:	Searches a specific site or domain.
filetype:	Finds only specified file types.
..	Searches for a number in a range of numbers
$	Search for prices
@	Search for results on social media.
in	Conversions
*	Wildcard for unknowns

These are specifically for search engines.

Academic Database Operators

OPERATOR	USE
NOT	Excludes terms
*	Truncation: finds articles with various versions of the term.
?	Wildcard
AB	Searches only in the abstract
PT	Searches publication type.
NEAR/#	Find articles where terms are found no farther than the listed number of words apart.

Search operators only for academic databases.