Search Tips

Expression	Locates	
john	john, John	
Marsha	Marsha, marsha	
John*Public	John Q. Public, John Public, Johnny Public [Note: Do not use the asterisk for words that are within parentheses!]	
"John Public"	John Public (in that specific order)	
1*456*a*def	1-23456-789-ABCDEF [Note: Do not use the asterisk for words that are within parentheses!]	
activate	activate, and ONLY "activate." Use "advance search" link to search for variations, such as activates, activation, activated	
activ*	active, actively, activate, activation [Note: Do not use the asterisk for words that are within parentheses!]	
~activate	start, begin, initiate, stimulate	
bob sam joe	bob with sam and joe	
bob sam -joe	bob with sam without joe	
bob sam joe @1	bob with sam, or , bob with joe, or , joe with sam	
a b c d @1	ab or ac or ad or bc or bd or cd	
+a b c d @1	abc or abd or acd	
a b c -d @1	(ab or ac or bc) without d	
art fair w/50	"art" and "fair" must occur within 50 characters from the first item located.	
art fair w/sent	"art" and "fair" must occur within the same sentence	
art fair w/para	"art" and "fair" must occur within the same paragraph	
art fair w/page	"art" and "fair" must occur within the same document	
(art,antique) (fair,show) w/50	"art" or "antique" and "fair" or "show" must occur within 50 characters from the first item located. [Note: when using parentheses, do not put a space after the commas.]	
(art,antique) (fair,show) w/sent	"art" or "antique" and "fair" or "show" must occur within the same sentence. [Note: when using parentheses, do not put a space after the commas.]	
(art,antique) (fair,show) w/para	"art" or "antique" and "fair" or "show" must occur within the same paragraph.[Note: when using parentheses, do not put a space after the commas.]	
(art,antique) (fair,show) w/page	"art" or "antique" and "fair" or "show" must occur within the same document.[Note: when using parentheses, do not put a space after the commas.]	

Boolean Equivalents

Search Operator	Boolean Equivalent
default operator: you need not use any special symbols	AND
Use parentheses with words separated by a comma (no spaces), or words followed by @0	OR
- (minus sign)	NOT
Phrase operator :(" ") <i>enclose the phrase with double quotation marks</i>	ADJ