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Linking search terms with 'AND' or 'OR'

When do you use 'AND' to link search terms?

- **Use AND to link 2 or more different subjects together** eg: soccer and injury.
- This retrieves only those records which include both terms.
- Sometimes you don't need to use 'And' because some databases (eg: Firstsearch databases) automatically assume that 'and' is between each term that you type.
- Often there are several search rows to input your search terms: each linked by 'And'
- See more about using AND in your search

When do you use 'OR' to link search terms?

- **Use OR when there are alternative terms to describe your topic** eg: woman or female, or when you are interested in either term eg: knee or ankle.
- Records will be retrieved if either (or both) term is present.
- See more about using OR in your search

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