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Welcome! My name is Meg Grotti and I am

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the library selector for the School of

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Education. This tutorial will show you

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how to find articles in an education

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related database. If you are unsure which

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databases are commonly used to search

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for education related research, please

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take a minute to view the introduction

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to education resources tutorial. The

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search tips that I'm going to show you

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our short cuts that can be added to the

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toolkit of strategies that you already

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use when you're searching online. Try

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mixing and matching these strategies and

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bringing them into your own search

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repertoire as you search the library

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databases. To locate a specific database

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click on the databases icon on the

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library homepage, and enter a known

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database name. Clicking on the name of

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the database will bring you directly to

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that resource. Most library databases

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will have a logic and appearance much

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like this one. First,

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there are keyword search boxes. This is

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where you will enter your search terms.

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Next, notice the drop-down menus next to

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each search box. These drop-downs

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allow you to choose where in the record

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you would like the database to search

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for your keywords. There are also options

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allowing you to select how you would

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like to connect to your search terms. If

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you want to try searching in whole

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sentences. you can select the "SmartText"

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search option. However, I recommend that

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you use this function in conjunction

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with the default - which are boolean

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options - so that you can be more specific

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about what you're looking for. Using the

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default AND will combine your terms so

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that both appear in each search result

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that you receive. Using OR will return

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either one of your search terms. For

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example you may wish to use OR to

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connect closely-related terms such as

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"international students OR foreign

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students". This is a great strategy

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because it allows you to cast a wider

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net when searching. Finally, you can also

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use NOT to keep unwanted items out of

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your search. Such as "portfolio

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NOT electronic". You'll note that one of the

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concepts I am searching here is a phrase

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made up of more than one word. When

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you're searching for a phrase, it's best

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to put the whole concept in quotation

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marks as I've done here. This tells the

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database to search for each of these

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words in this exact order. Below the

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search are limits, which filter your

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results and keep unwanted items out. Some

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of the most helpful limits here in the

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ERIC database are the limit to

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peer-reviewed publications - which will

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return only high quality scholarly

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results - and the limit for education

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level, which will allow you to select the

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area of education that you are

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interested in researching. In this search

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I am going to use an advanced search

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strategy called truncation. To truncate a

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word shorten the word to the point at

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which it does not change depending upon

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its variant forms. For example, if I type

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"comprehend" and add an asterisk (\*) my search

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will return both my core term, "comprehend",

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and also variants such as comprehension,

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comprehending, and comprehended. Because

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in this search we want results with both

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the concept of verbal working memory and

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the concept of understanding or

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comprehension, we will connect the two

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search boxes with AND. Now we are ready

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to search. Here we are on the results

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screen. To view an item's abstract or

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summary, hover over the magnifying glass

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to the right of the record.

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Viewing the abstract is a great way to

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determine if this article will fit your

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research needs. Pay special attention

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to the words that you're finding in the

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abstract and also the subject headings

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in your results. Oftentimes this is how

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you will discover the best keywords and

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phrases to use in subsequent searches.

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Please remember that these strategies do

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not represent the only way to

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successfully search. However, I hope that

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you've come away from this tutorial with

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a few new tricks to use when conducting

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research. For more information on how to

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access the items that you find in

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library databases, please see the using

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"Get It" tutorial. Finally, please remember

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that I'm always happy to help you in

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your searching. If you aren't sure where

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to begin, or if you just need a little

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bit of help finding materials, please be

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in touch. I'm happy to help!