Terms & Connectors

Comparison on Lexis Advance® Quicklaw® and Quicklaw®

Connector	Lexis Advance Quicklaw	Quicklaw	Additional Info
!	Use at the end of a root word to find the root word and all the words that can be made by adding letters to the end of it, including plurals. **Example: child! finds child, children, childless**	Same as Lexis Advance Quicklaw	! on Lexis Advance Quicklaw needs to have 3 characters at the beginning ! can be used in the middle of a word on both platforms
*	Use at the end of a root word to find the root word and all the words that can be made by adding letters to the end of it, including plurals **Example: child* finds child, children, childless, childish, and so on.**	Use to replace a character anywhere in a word, except the first character. **Example: advi*e would find advice and advise** **Sp**gel would find Spiegel and Speigel**	On Lexis Advance Quicklaw, the ! and the * perform the same function. One asterisk finds multiple letters (i.e. M*Donald will find you McDonald or MacDonald etc.)
?	Use within a word to represent one or more variable characters. Use one ? for each variable letter. **Example: int???et finds internet and intranet.** **int???et does not find interpret.**	No function	The ? on Lexis Advance Quicklaw has the same functionality as the * on Quicklaw.
/N	Use to find documents in which a given word appears within "n" words of another given word in the same document section. The value of "n" can be any number up to 255. **Example: vicious /3 dog – This will find documents where "vicious" appears within three words of "dog".**	Same as Lexis Advance Quicklaw	Lexis Advance Quicklaw avoids noise words such as him, her, here etc. For full list, consult the Lexis Advance Quicklaw help guide.
/p	search terms appear within the same paragraph, or within approximately 75 words of each other. **Example: retirement /p benefit will find "retirement" within the same paragraph as "benefit".**	Find documents with search words that appear within the same paragraph.	

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/s	find documents where the search terms appear within the same sentence, or within approximately 25 words of each other. **Example: wrongful /s dismissal - will return search results that contain the word "wrongful" and "dismissal" within 25 words of each other, or in the same sentence.**	Find documents with search words that appear within the same sentence.	Note: If there is a citation containing periods in the middle of a sentence, this will stop the /s command at the first instance of a period.
onear/n or pre/n (Advance) +n or pre/n (Quicklaw)	Find documents where the first word precedes the second word by not more than "n" words. **Example: overtime onear/3 compensation - finds you when "overtime" precedes "compensation" by no more than 3 words.**	Same	The +n connector will not work on Lexis Advance Quicklaw.
And not	Exclude documents containing specific words or phrases. **Example: capital and not gains finds you documents where "capital" appears, but the word "gains" does not.**	Same	
And	Find documents containing two specific words or phrases, regardless of the order in which they appear or their proximity **Example: budget and deficit - documents where it finds both "budget" and "deficit".**	Same	
Or	find all documents that contain either or both of the words or phrases linked by the or connector. **Example: ship or vessel or boat - finds you documents which contain either "ship" or "vessel" or "boat".**	Same	

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Boolean Priority Order Change

Terms and Connectors use the following order of operations for connector searches.

Lexis Advance Quicklaw	Quicklaw
And not	or
Or	/n, +n, not /n
/n, /s, /p, onear/n, pre/n	/s, +s, not /s
and	/p, +p, not /p
	/seg
	not /seg
	and
	and not

Note: To change the connector priority, use brackets. Connectors inside brackets have priority over, or operate before, connectors outside brackets.

Boolean Numbering Guidelines

Type	Lexis Advance Quicklaw	Quicklaw
Approx. Same Phrase	/3 - /5	/3 - /5
Approx. Same Sentence	/25	/15
Approx. Same Paragraph	/75	/50

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