

Lexis® Library – Search Tips

There are two ways you can search on LexisLibrary:

1. Main search box on the home page

The main search boxes on the home page and practice area pages work well on a natural language search basis, so please feel free to type in key words or phrases into these boxes to source relevant results across your subscriptions. You can then filter your search results on the left hand side of the screen when they come up.

2. LexisLibrary Content Search Forms

You can perform more detailed searches using the specific content type forms on LexisLibrary. Your search would then benefit from the use of connectors.

For example, searching for **fraud** and **online banking** will return results where each document will contain **fraud** as a keyword and **online banking** as a phrase.

The key connectors that you may like to use are outlined below.

and

Using **“and”** between keywords returns results that mention both keywords but those keywords are not consecutive i.e. not next to each other. **And** is a way of searching loosely and getting more results.

or

Using **“or”** between keywords allows you to list synonyms, acronyms and alternative forms of expression. Using the **or** connector brings back more results.

w/n

Using for example **“w/5”** between keywords returns results that contain both keywords in the search, but those keywords are no more than 5 words apart. You can enter any number between 1 and 255 after w/.

w/s

w/s stands for **“within sentence”**. Using w/s between keywords returns results that contain the selected keywords in the same sentence. It is a fairly precise way of searching and of limiting the scope of your results. Searching with w/s will return less results than using and / or.

w/p

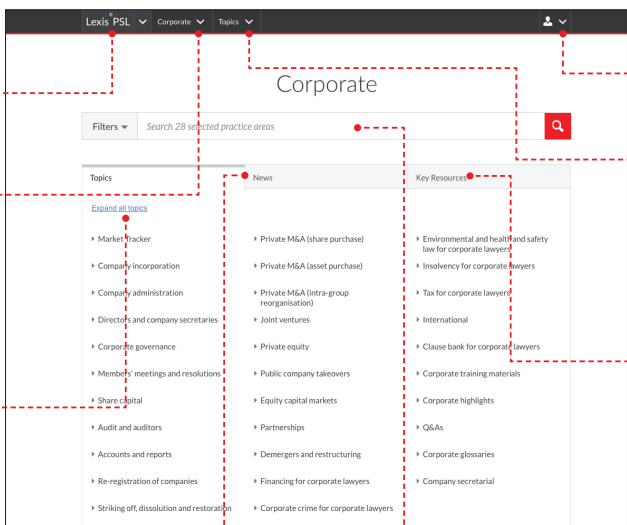
w/p stands for **“within paragraph”**. Using w/p between keywords returns results that have paragraphs which contain the keywords being specified.

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