

## **BOOLEAN SEARCH SYSTEM**

A systematic search of the web, similar to the Dewey Decimal System for categorizing library books.

The Boolean System searches are those that include the words “and,” or” and “not” which makes a search more specific thus eliminating many sites.

Here are a few BASIC BOOLEAN SEARCH tips:

- Use *and* or a plus sign to specify what you’re looking for: *dyslexia AND adults*  
*Dyslexia+adults*
- Use *and* or a plus sign to specify what you’re looking for: *Dyslexia AND adults; Dyslexia+adults.*
- Use *or* or a slash mark to broaden your search: *College OR university; Cats/felines*
- Use *not* or a minus sign to indicate that a word shouldn’t appear: *Dolphins NOT NFL*  
*Dolphins-NFL*
- Use *near* when words should be close to each other: *Moon NEAR river.*
- To find an exact phrase, put it in quotation marks: *Seattle Preparatory School* without quotation marks gives 4,790 returns on [www. Google.com](http://www.Google.com) whereas “*Seattle Preparatory School*” gives 392.