

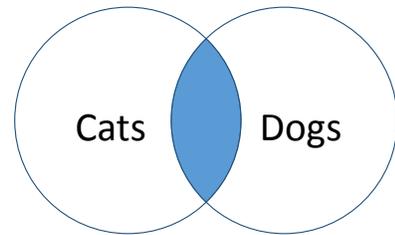
BOOLEAN TERMS EXPLAINED

- Boolean terms connect your **search words** together to **narrow** or **broaden** your results.
- There are three basic Boolean terms: **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT**.

Using AND

Use AND in a search to:

- narrow your results
- require **ALL** search terms to be present in the results
- example: cats AND dogs

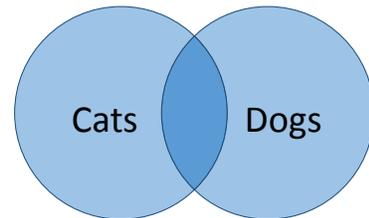


Search results will retrieve the center, dark overlap area – information that contains both cats and dogs in the results

Using OR

Use OR in a search to:

- broaden your results
- allow **ANY** search terms to be present in the results
- example: cats OR dogs

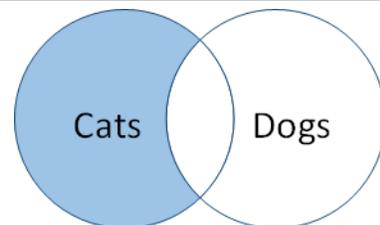


Search results will retrieve everything in both circles, about cats only, dogs only and cats and dogs together

Using NOT

Use NOT in a search to:

- exclude words from your search
- narrow your search to ignore implied concepts
- example: cats NOT dogs



Search results will retrieve only information on cats and nothing that mentions both cats and dogs in the same source