

Searching Cengage Knowledge Base Articles

Here are some tips for refining your search. The Cengage Knowledge Base will ignore common words like “the” unless you place your query within quotes.

Exact phrase search

To search for content that contains the exact phrase “chalk and cheese”:

`"chalk and cheese"`

Or Search

To search for content that contains one of the terms, “chalk” OR “cheese”:

`chalk OR cheese`

And Search

To search for content that contains both the terms “chalk” AND “cheese”:

`chalk AND cheese`

Not search

To search for content that contains “chalk” but NOT “cheese”:

`chalk NOT cheese`

Excluded Term Search

Similar to the NOT search, to search for content that contains “chalk” and “butter” but NOT “cheese”:

`chalk butter -cheese`

Grouping Search

To search for content that MUST contain “chalk” but CAN contain either “cheese” or “butter”:

`(cheese OR butter) AND chalk`

Title Search

To search for content with “chalk” in its title, where *title* is the field keyword:

`title:chalk`

Wildcard Searches (single character)

To search for “butter” or “batter”:

`b?tter`

To search for “chicken” or “chickpea”:

`chick*`

Wildcards can be used anywhere within a word, except at the very beginning. For example, this is an invalid search:

`*chick`

Wildcard Searches (multiple characters)

To search for “chick” or “chickpea”:

`c*c*`

You can also combine search characters to get the exact word. For example, this will return “chic” but not “chickpea”:

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c*c?
```

Proximity searches

This search specifies that the search terms will be within a specified distance from each other, where the distance is the number of intermediate words. For example:

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"octagon post"~1
```

will return “Octagon blog post.” This is an invalid search term:

```
"octagon post"~0
```

Range Search

Searches for names that fall alphabetically within the specified range. Note: You can’t use the **AND** keyword inside this statement.

```
[CONF20BACK1:adam to ben]
```

Fuzzy Search

This search looks for words spelled similarly. If you want to search for “octagon,” but are unsure of the spelling, this will correctly return “octagon”:

```
octogan~
```

Combined Search

You can also combine various search terms together:

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o?tag* AND past~ AND ("blog" AND "post")
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