

Canadian Reference Centre

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Canadian Reference Centre combines Canadian magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books to create the largest collection of regional full text content available to Canadian libraries. This database includes leading Canadian periodicals and international (U.S. and U.K.) periodicals in full text; full text reference books; more than 66,000 full text biographies and an Image Collection of over 502,000 photos, maps and flags. *Canadian Reference Centre* provides full text for leading Canadian magazines including: *Alberta Sweetgrass, Bank of Canada Review, BC Business, Beaver, Benefits Canada, Canadian Business, Canadian Economic Observer, Canadian Geographic, Canadian Living, Canadian Manager, Canadian Social Trends, Chatelaine, Elle Canada, Flare, Food in Canada, Harrowsmith Country Life, Maclean's, Manitoba History, Marketing Magazine, Ontario Out of Doors, Profit* and many more. *Canadian Reference Centre* also provides full text for leading Canadian newspapers & newswires including: *Canadian Press, The Guelph Mercury, The Hamilton Spectator, La Presse Canadienne (en Francais), The Record, The Toronto Star*, etc. In addition, this database provides full text for leading Canadian reference books including: *Canadian Global Almanac, Gage Canadian Dictionary, Gage Canadian Thesaurus*, and many more.

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Searching Tips

There are a number of helpful tips and hints you can use to improve your search results. For example, you can use Boolean operators to link search terms together; and/or limit the search to a specific title.

Boolean Operators

Sometimes a search can be overly general (results equal too many hits) or overly specific

(results equal too few hits). To fine tune your search, you can use AND, OR, and NOT operators to link your search words together. These operators will help you narrow or broaden your search to better express the terms you are looking for and to retrieve the exact information you need quickly.

USING THE "AND" OPERATOR: If you have a search term that is too general, you can append several terms together using "AND". By stringing key terms together, you can further define your search and reduce the number of results. Note: Unless you define a specific search field, the result list will contain references where all your search terms are located in either the citation, full display or full text.

- For example, type **sleep AND walking** to find results that refer to both sleep and walking.

USING THE "OR" OPERATOR: In order to broaden a search, you can link terms together by using the "OR" operator. By using "OR" to link your terms together you can find documents on many topics. Linked by this operator, your words are searched simultaneously and independently of each other.

- As an example, search **sleep AND walking OR waking** to find results that reference the terms "sleep" and "walking", or the term "waking".

USING THE "NOT" OPERATOR: In order to narrow a search, you can link words together by using the "NOT" operator. This operator will help you to filter out specific topics you do not wish included as part of your search.

- Type: **sleep OR walking NOT waking** to find results that contain the terms "sleep" or "walking" but not the term "waking".
- To further define your results, type: **sleep AND walking AND waking** to constrict the search to include all terms linked by the "AND" operator.

[Grouping Terms Together Using Parentheses](#)

Parentheses also may be used to control a search query. Without parentheses, a search is executed from left to right. Words that you enclose in parentheses are searched first. Why is this important? Parentheses allow you to control and define the way the search will be executed. The left phrase in parentheses is searched first; then based upon those results the second phrase in parentheses is searched.

Generalized Search: dog or cat and show or parade

Focused Search:(dog or cat) and (show or parade)

In the first example, the search will retrieve everything on dog or cat shows AS WELL AS everything on parades whether or not the articles refer to dogs or cats.

In the second example, we have used the parentheses to control our query to only find articles about shows or parades that reference dogs or cats.

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Searchable Fields

The default fields for unqualified searches consist of the following: all authors, all subjects, all keywords, all title info (including source title) and all abstracts.

The following list will help you locate detailed information referenced in this database as a field.

Searchable Tag	Description	Example
AB	Abstract [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of the abstract summaries.	AB Jupiter
AN	Accession Number [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's unique identification number.	AN 11344888
AS	Author-Supplied Abstract [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of author-supplied abstracts.	AS Y
AU	Author [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for any authors of an article.	AU Jefferson
CS	Cover Story [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the articles will be a cover story.	CS Y
DE	Subject [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search of the heading descriptors listed in the records.	DE "Molecular genetics"
DT	Date of Publication [Date Indexed] Performs an exact search for the date of publication of an article into the database in YYYYMMDD format.	DT 20020301

FM	<p>Format Full Text [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for an article's type of full text. The searchable values and what they indicate are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T - HTML Full Text • C - Embedded Image in the Full Text • P - PDF document 	FM P
FT	<p>Full Text Available [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the records have full text available.</p>	FT Y
IB	<p>ISBN [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for a publication's International Standard Book Number.</p>	IB 1-4298-0027-5
IL	<p>Illustrations [Word Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the articles contain illustrations (e.g. graphs, charts, diagrams, etc.).</p> <p>Note: Type of illustration is also searchable via this search tag.</p>	<p>IL Y</p> <p>IL graphs</p>
IP	<p>Issue [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for a publication's issue number.</p>	IP 3
IS	<p>ISSN [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for a publication's International Standard Serial Number.</p>	IS 00018899

JN	<p>Journal Name [Word Indexed]</p> <p>Performs a keyword search for the journal name of the article.</p>	JN Advertising Age
MH	<p>Subjects [Word Indexed]</p> <p>Performs a keyword search of a document's geographic subject terms, keywords in an article, and generic subject headings.</p>	MH Genomics
PG	<p>Number of Pages [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for an article's page count.</p>	PG 19
PT	<p>Document Type [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for a record's document type.</p>	PT Periodical
RV	<p>Peer-Reviewed [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the articles are peer-reviewed.</p>	RV Y
SO	<p>Journal Name [Word Indexed]</p> <p>Performs a keyword search for the journal name of the article.</p>	SO Fortune
SP	<p>Start Page [Phrase Indexed]</p> <p>Performs an exact search for an article's starting page number.</p>	SP 20
SU	<p>Subject Terms [Word Indexed]</p> <p>Performs a keyword search of the subject headings listed in the records.</p>	SU Wall Street

TI	Title [Word Indexed] Searches keywords in a record's English and non-English title field.	TI education
UI	Unique Identifier [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's accession number.	UI 0020012512373fn3
VI	Volume [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for a publication's volume number.	VI 3

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Definition of Fields

The following table explains the contents of each field in a Canadian Reference Centre Select record's detailed display.

Field name	Description
Title	Title of the article
Alternate Title	Non-English title of the article.
Language	Language in which the article was published.
Author(s)	Author(s) name in last name, first name format.
Source	The source in which the article was published, its volume number, the number of pages in the article, and a description and number of illustrations found in this article
Document Type	Displays document type information specific to the record
Subject	This specific article's subject heading describing the record's content
Geographic Terms	The specific article's geographic subject headings describing the record's content
Abstract	A brief summary taken from the article itself
Country of	The country in which an article was originally published.

Publication

Committee Name	The government department or committee referenced in the document.
Region/Area	The region or area referenced in the document.
Guest	Guests referenced in the article
Full Text Word Count	The word count of the article's full text.
ISBN	International Standard Book Number. Not in data yet.
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number

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Publications Authority File

The Publication authority file is a list of the publications from the Canadian Reference Centre Select Collection: Comprehensive database. The Publication authority file is drawn from the publications listed in each record; therefore, all terms will provide links to pertinent records. You can browse this list alphabetically, or as Relevancy Ranked (keyword search).

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Subjects Authority File

The Subjects authority file is a controlled vocabulary of business terms that assists in more effectively searching the database. The Subjects authority file is drawn from the subjects assigned to each record; therefore, all terms will provide links to pertinent records. You can browse this list alphabetically, or as Relevancy Ranked (keyword search).

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