

# Westlaw Asia

## Terms and Connectors

Function	Symbol	Explanation	Example
AND	& (or space)	Search terms in the same document (words can appear in any order and anywhere in the document, not necessarily together)	<b>Trade &amp; mark &amp; registration</b> <b>Trade mark registration</b>
OR	OR	Search one term or the other	<b>Car or automobile</b>
Phrase	" "	Search terms appearing in the same order as in the quotation marks	<b>"promissory estoppel"</b>
Grammatical connectors	/s	Search terms in the same sentence (words will appear in either order)	<b>Nuisance /s noise</b> This will yield results with nuisance or noise appearing first in the sentence
	/p	Search terms in the same paragraph (words will appear in either order)	<b>Hearsay /p admissibility</b> This will yield results with hearsay or admissibility appearing first in the paragraph
	+s	The first term will appear before the second in the same sentence	<b>Burden +s proof</b> Burden will come before proof in the sentence
	+p	The first term will appear before the second in the same paragraph	<b>Right +p counsel</b> Right will come before counsel in the same paragraph
Numerical Connectors	/n	Search terms with a maximum distance of n words apart (n=number smaller than 255)	<b>Person /3 jurisdiction</b> Person and jurisdiction will not be more than 3 words apart (can be together, 1, 2, or 3 words apart)
	+n	The first term will appear before the second by no more than 'n' words (n = number smaller than 255)	<b>Capital +3 punishment</b> Capital and punishment will not be more than 3 words apart (can be together, 1, 2, or 3 words apart) and Capital will come before punishment
But not	%	Documents not containing the term or terms following the % symbol (exclusion symbol)	<b>Taxation % income</b> Search results related to taxation but do not mention the word income in the entire document
Root expander	!	Terms with multiple endings	<b>Object!</b> = object, objected, objection, objecting, objectionable
Universal character	*	Search for words with variable characters, using *	<b>Withdr*w</b> = withdraw, withdrew
Irregular plurals	automatic	Automatically retrieved	
No Plural/equivalents	#	Turn off plurals of a particular term by placing the # symbol in front of the term	# device
Compound terms			Good-will will retrieve good-will, goodwill and good will