Boolean searching

Boolean operators

AND   Use the AND operator when you want the search engine to find all the keywords entered.

OR   Use the AND operator when you want the search engine to find at least one of the keywords entered.

NOT   Use the AND operator when you do not want the search engine to find a keyword.

Too many results?

You have to refine your search.

- For an expression, put it in quotation marks.
    - Example: « climate change »

- Use the search fields
    - Example: Search in the abstract or the lead rather than in the full text.

- Add a concept
    - Example: First concept : homophobia + second concept : teenagers.

- Limit by year of publication, type of publication , by language, etc.

Not enough results?

You have to broaden the search :

- Use truncation   Add an asterisk to the root of the keyword (*)
    - Example: environnement* for environnement, environnements, environnemental, environnementalist, environnementalism, etc.

- Use synonyms, quasi-synonyms or antonyms for your search concepts.
    - Example: Dropping out, leaving school, abandoning studies, perseverance, academic achievement, graduation.