

## Using **ERLWebSPIRS<sup>5.1</sup>** Databases

**Getting There:** From University libraries' page, click **Databases by Title (A-Z)**.  
In the alphabetical list, click on one of the databases listed below.

<p><b>Databases Available:</b>          Art Abstracts (9/84-)          Art Index Retrospective (1929-1984)          Biological Abstracts (1969-2006 only)          EconLit (1969- )          Education Full Text (6/83- )</p>	<p>FSTA (Food Science &amp; Technology Abstracts)(1969-1989 only)          Health &amp; Psychosocial Instruments (1985-)          Index to Film Periodicals (1972- )          Index to TV Periodicals (1979- )          Mental Measurements Yearbook (current edition)          The Philosopher's Index (1940- )</p>	
<p>One or more databases may be selected to search. After making database selections, click <b>Start Searching</b></p>	<p>At the search screen, clicking on <b>Change Database(s)</b> (at top, next to the list of databases being searched) allows you to see the list of databases available and change or add to your selection.</p>	<p>At the search screen, clicking on <b>Database Guide</b> (top right) opens the Database Guide pop-up window where you can see the online guides for any of the databases you are searching.</p>

### ADVANCED SEARCH SCREEN

### COMBINING CONCEPTS AND TERMS

<b>Combine concepts</b>	<b>Use AND to retrieve records with all terms:</b> dyslexia and treatments
	<b>Use OR to retrieve any or all concepts:</b> leadership qualities or leadership style
	<b>Use NOT to exclude concepts or words:</b> teachers not preschool


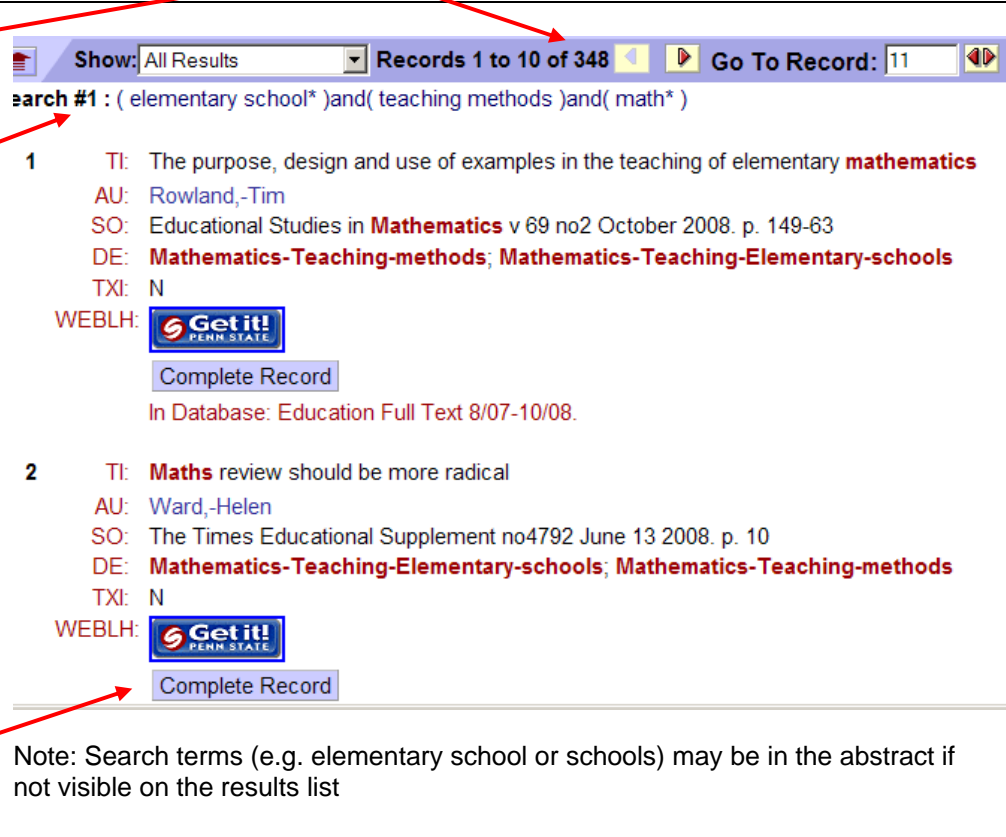
### TRUNCATION / WILDCARD

<b>unlimited right</b>	Add asterisk to word: <i>cognit*</i> retrieves cognition, cognitive, cognitively, etc.
<b>one-character or no-character</b>	Place question mark where character could occur: <i>behavio?r</i> retrieves behavior or behaviour ; <i>cat?</i> retrieves cat or cats

### USING LIMITS

<p>“Limit search to:” at right of search boxes helps to reduce the number of results. The basic one shown is “Published after 2002”          Click <b>More</b> to see available search limits.          After selecting limits, click <b>OK</b>.</p>	<p>The two most frequently used limits are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• publication year</li> <li>• language of article</li> </ul> <p>Other limits vary by database.          Limits may be set at any time during a search.</p>
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## RESULTS LIST

<p>Notice the number of results, and refine if too many.</p> <p>Above first item is the search you performed</p> <p><b>TI</b>=article title <b>AU</b>=author <b>SO</b>=source (journal title, volume, issue, date, pages) <b>DE</b>=descriptors, or subjects <b>TXI</b>=full text indicator (yes or no). Note that this will be text only, often without tables. <b>WEBLH</b>= web link to full text or ordering info (See  below)</p> <p><b>Complete Record</b> includes above information plus the abstract (if available) and another link to Get It!</p>	
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## REFINING YOUR SEARCH

Ways to refine your search:

- Scan relevant items in the results list for more terms you can use in a revised search.
  - Adding terms with AND will bring back fewer results.
  - Descriptors (or subject terms) are especially useful for getting more targeted results
- Search in specific fields, such as author name or descriptor/subject.

From any page displaying search results you can click:  **Print**  **Save**  **Send e-mail**  
(These are on the far right of the screen) Follow directions in the dialog boxes that will open.  
You will need a disk or a key drive to save from a campus computer.

## GETTING FULL TEXT

Each article in a results list will have a  link. This will:

- find the article in any of our other full text sources (when available)
- link to the CAT to see if Penn State owns other formats of the publication
- link to ILLiad (the Interlibrary Loan system) to request it be sent to you if a print or electronic version is not at your campus.

See a librarian for assistance with these options.

Please **Logout** (at top right of screen) when finished.