

Text alternative to video: Phrase search

Welcome to this video from the library, where we will talk about the search technique phrase search.

Phrase search narrows down the search and allows us to search for two or more words as if they were one.

Phrase search is usually indicated by placing quotation marks on either side of the phrase you want to search for.

If you are searching for the name of an organization or some distinct terminology that consists of several words, it might be a good idea to use phrase search. If you do not use phrase search, you run the risk of the computer looking for the words individually.

As you may see illustrated below, the computer is looking for the words "United" and "Nations" individually. This also means that the two words does not necessarily need to be in the correct order to provide a hit.

With phrase search, on the other hand, the words need to be in the correct order to provide a hit, which could be useful if, for example, you're looking for a distinct organization.

Thank you for listening. Feel free to drop by the library, should you have any questions.