

Text alternative to video: Truncation

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

Truncation expands the search and allows us to search for the "trunk" of a word.

This enables us to, for example search for different grammatical forms of a word with ease.

One of the most common truncation indicators is an asterisk *.

If we truncate sustain*, we may get hits on sustainable, sustainability, sustaining and all other words, starting with sustain.

It is important to take care when using truncation, if you place the truncation indicator too early in the word,

you may end up getting hits on many words not necessarily relevant to you and your search.

The trick is to include just a big enough part of the word you need, and nothing more or less.

For example will the truncation of strategy* only give hits on strategy.

If you instead truncate strateg*, you may find any words starting with "strateg" for example strategy, strategies, strategic etc. etc.

Thank you for listening, feel free to come by the library, should you have any questions.