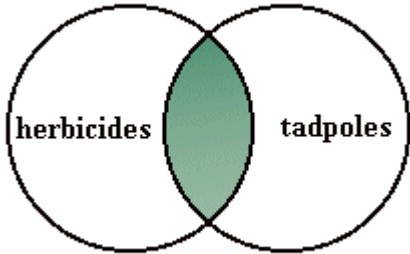
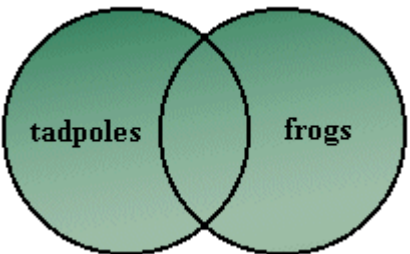
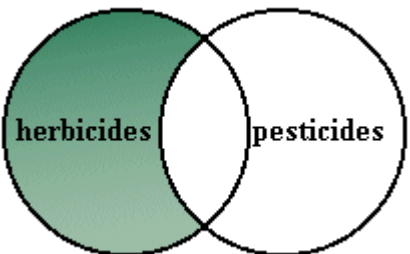


Using Boolean Logic to Improve Database Searching

While simple searching works great for quick web searches and the most basic topics, sometimes you need to add some power to your searches. There are many ways to improve your search results, trying some Boolean searching is just one of them.

Search topic: *Are herbicides toxic to tadpoles?*

Boolean Logic		
AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrows your search (fewer results) Requires that both of the search terms be present 	<p><i>Example: herbicides AND tadpoles</i></p> 
OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadens your search (more results) Use for synonyms or alternative terms 	<p><i>Example: tadpoles OR frogs</i></p> 
NOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrows your search WARNING: May eliminate good results 	<p><i>Example: herbicides NOT pesticides</i></p> 
<p>You can create complex search statements using multiple Boolean operators. Use parentheses to group terms joined by or when there is any other operator in the search.</p> <p>For example: herbicides AND (frogs OR tadpoles)</p>		

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