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<th>Controlled vocabulary or Keywords</th>
<th>OVID – Medline, Embase, PsycInfo</th>
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<td>MeSH EMTREE Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms (APA)</td>
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<td>Wildcards</td>
<td>Allow you to represent one or more characters</td>
<td># stands for one character within a word e.g. wom#n</td>
<td>Use wildcards characters ? or * to search for variations of a word</td>
<td>Use * for the wildcard symbol</td>
<td>Use ? or # to search for unknown characters multiple spellings or various endings</td>
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<th>W/#</th>
<th>NEAR (default 15) NEAR/#</th>
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<td>Word.ti, ab Word.tw Word.mp TITLE TITLE-ABS TITLE-ABS-KEY ALL TI TS Topic field searches in title, abstract, keywords etc. TI word AB word TI AB, TI SU YR Many field searches</td>
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<td>Web of Science: 500 at a time, but does allow you to input ‘1 to 500’, ‘501 to 1000’, ‘1001 to 1500’ etc etc quite easily</td>
<td>EBSCO: via emailed download, up to 25,000</td>
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<td>Proquest: is awful. I think you have to select results page at a time (max 100 per page) and it’ll export up to 1000. Given you’re having to select by page, that I guess gives you a way to know where you’re up to.</td>
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