PubPsych is an information retrieval system providing access to psychological references from several international databases free of charge.

### Search Basics

1. **Phrases:** If you want the engine to search for a number of words in a certain order only, put them in quotation marks. Example: If you type “eating disorder” your results will only contain the phrase in this exact order.

2. **Truncation:** The * replaces a number of letters or syllables. For example, if you type in phob*, you get articles for phobia, phobic, phobics, etc.

3. **Boolean Operators:** You can combine search terms in order to narrow your results by writing AND and broaden them by writing OR. If you want to exclude terms from your search write NOT.

### Order of Appearance

You can sort the results by date or by relevance by clicking on the respective option in the top right corner.

The selected order option is marked in red.

### Facets / Filters

The sidebar on the right also offers a list of different features:

- the publication years,
- the authors and
- the languages of the articles

The tilde symbol expresses that an exact number of hits cannot be shown because of different spelling variants and the differential treatment of *Umlaute* and the respective vowels. By clicking on one of these figures the results will be limited to this feature.

### Basic Options

In the top right corner you find options to

- change the language
- return to the Start page
- get to the Help page

### Saving Options

You will also find options to export your records and to add articles to a personal list in the top right corner.

### Search History

The side bar offers detailed information on your results:

- the terms you searched during the session in chronological order

By clicking on each term you can go back to the respective results.
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- the publication types
- the sources your results were collected from

The number of results is always indicated as a number in parentheses after each aspect.

You can see the complete list of each option by clicking on the “plus”-sign in square brackets ([+]).

Full Records

You receive a short description of each article. Click “Full Records” to receive bibliographic information, an abstract of the text, keywords in different languages and classification.

Advanced Search - Publication

You have different options when searching for a publication. If you want to search for articles that only have the word(s) you indicated in the title check the box at the bottom.

Bibliographic Search

If you know the author, the journal or the timeframe during which the article you aim for appeared, you can enter them as well.

Note for author search: Use the last name only or last name with first initial or first name.

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