

Refining Your Results

Too many?

- **Be more specific.** Change any keywords that are too general for your topic.

The first search box shows 'privacy computers' with 'Results 1 - 10 of 7,096'. The second search box shows 'privacy "mobile devices"' with 'Results 1 - 10 of 1,689'. Both boxes include 'EIT Libraries' and 'All Resources' tabs and a 'that contain' filter.

NB: Enclose two or more word phrases in speech marks.

- **Add more keywords** to help specify the context or a particular aspect of your topic.

The first search box shows 'teaching "special needs" students' with 'Results 1 - 10 of 6,304'. The second search box shows 'teaching "special needs" students math*' with 'Results 1 - 10 of 167'. Both boxes include 'EIT Libraries' and 'All Resources' tabs.

- **Make use of available limiters.**

The left panel, titled 'Refine My Results', lists 'Resource Type' with options: Articles (1,502), dissertations (547), Newspaper articles (23), Text Resources (23), Books (13), and More options. The right panel shows 'Topic' filters: Special Education (736), Teaching Methods (669), Education (581), Elementary Secondary Education (511), Learning Disabilities (510), and More options. Below these is a 'Creation Date' section with 'From' and 'To' input boxes and a 'Refine' button.

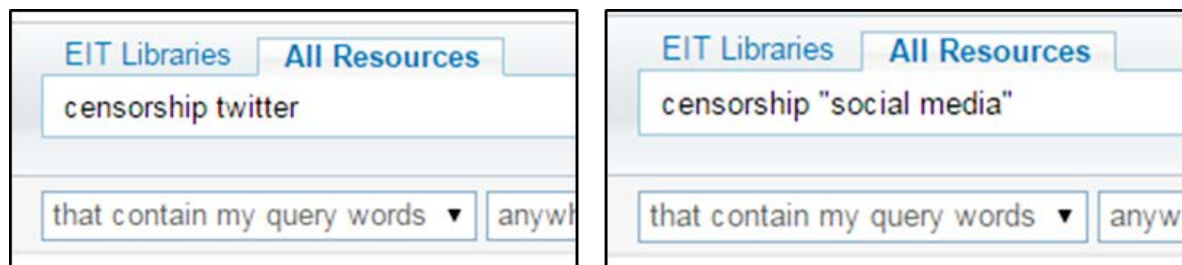
- **Exclude irrelevant results using NOT.** Used before a keyword, it will remove any results with that term.

The search box shows 'animal pathology NOT felines' with 'EIT Libraries' and 'All Resources' tabs.

- **Check whether there is a more subject specific resource** to use. Refer to your [Subject Guide](#).

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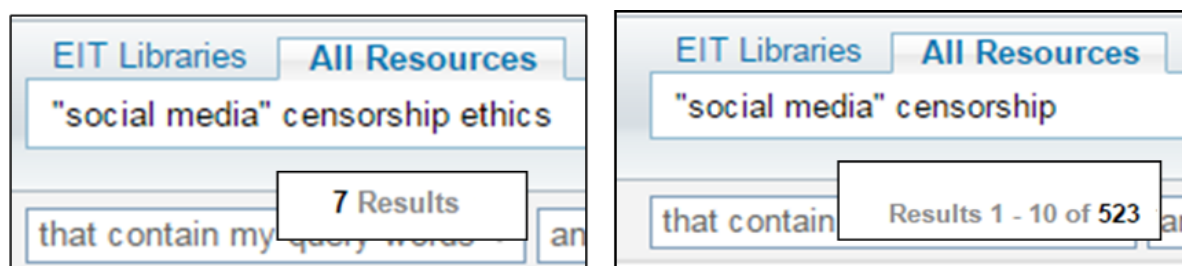
- Try broader keywords. Does your search include keywords that are too specific?



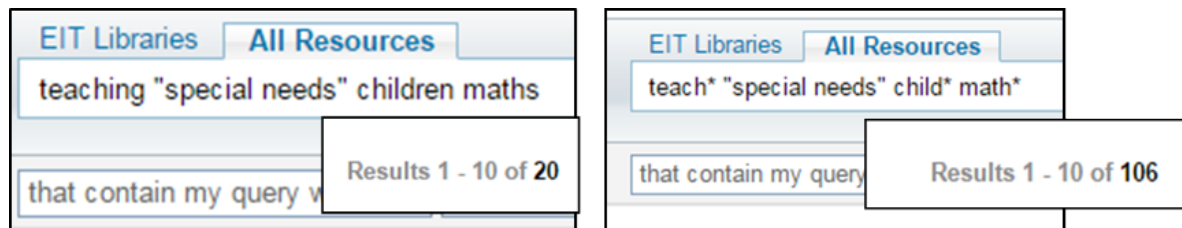
- Expand your search using synonyms. Have you included all relevant terminology used to describe your topic?



- Remove any excess keywords that might be making your search too specific.



- Use truncation to include other words that start the same. This requires putting an asterisk after the root word. E.g. child* will return child, children, childhood, etc.



- Check you're using the most appropriate resource. There may be a subject specific resource that will give you better results. Check your respective [Subject Guide](#).

If you require further help with finding resources please ask at the desk or contact the Information & Learning Technologies Librarian.