Psychology Resources of the APA

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Session Outline

- Overview of APA databases: APA PsycInfo • APA PsycArticles • APA PsycBooks

- Search Tips

- Search: Keyword, Thesaurus

- Searchable Fields

- Limiters

- Alerts

- EBSCO Connect Site

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Objectives for the session

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APA Databases on EBSCOhost

APA PsycARTICLES

APA PsycARTICLES is a database offering complete access to the full text of more than 80 landmark journals in behavioral science and related fields ranging from education, to nursing, to business, to neuroscience.

APA PsycBOOKS

APA PsycBOOKS is a full-text database that provides electronic access to thousands of scholarly and professional titles published by APA, including recent titles in psychological and behavioral science, plus a substantial backfile of classic and historic works.

APA PsycINFO

APA PsycINFO is an expansive abstracting and indexing database with more than 3 million records devoted to peer-reviewed literature in the behavioral sciences and mental health, making it an ideal discovery and linking tool for scholarly research in a host of disciplines.

Boolean Operators

AND is used between terms to narrow your search

- *diabetes and obesity* will retrieve references containing both search terms

OR is used between terms to broaden your search

- *diet or nutrition* will retrieve references containing either search term

NOT is used to omit a term from your search

- *cancer not smoking* will retrieve references containing the term cancer, but that do not contain the term smoking

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Search Tips

✚ The truncation/word stemming device is the asterisk (*)

dyslexi* will retrieve dyslexia, dyslexic, etc

? The single character wildcard is question mark (?)

organi?ation will retrieve organi_s_ation or organi_z_ation

The multiple character wildcard is the hash (#)

colo#r will retrieve col_o_r or col_our_

" Use quotation marks for "phrase searching"

"global warming" will retrieve references that contain both terms next to each other, in this exact order

Let's search…

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Searchable Fields, e.g. in PsycINFO:

- **AF Author Affiliation:** institutional affiliation of authors

- **TM Tests & Measures:** indicates if a test is used in the methodology of a study e.g. Sleep Disorders Questionnaire , Major Depression Questionnaire, Berg Balance Scale

- **MR Methodology:** the Type/format of research study e.g. Clinical trial

- **MA MeSH Medical Subject Headings:** Find research through MeSH controlled vocabulary. MeSH terms link to PubMed for cross-platform searching e.g. opiates

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Special Limiters, e.g.:

Impact Statement Available

- describe the relevance of the research to the general public

- Helps to justify a research project, like in grant writing

Open Access

- makes it clear at a glance if an article or journal is available through open access

- Discover full-text content

APA's Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms®.

- Includes more than 10,100 standard and cross-referenced terms.

- Scope notes define the terms.

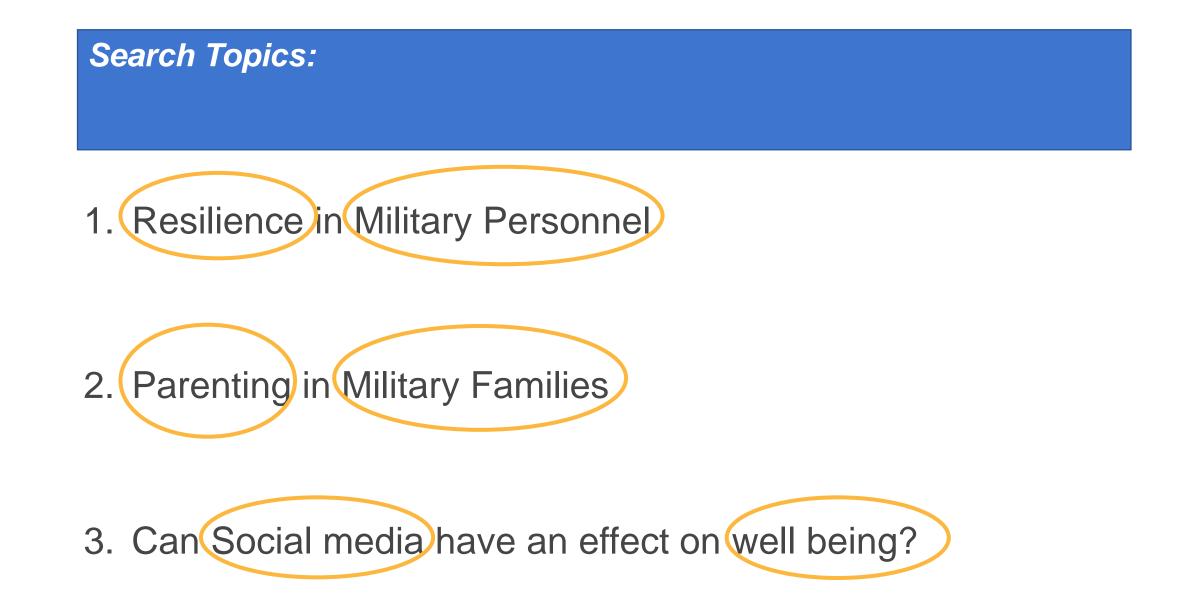- Historical Notes provide valuable information on historical usage, text, or status changes, and the application of the term to historical records.

- Term hierarchies show the relationship to other terms.

- The year indicates when the term was added to the Thesaurus.

Source: https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/thesaurus

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1. Resilience in Military Personnel

2. Parenting in Military Families

3. Can Social media have an effect on well being?

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Questions?

Thanks for your time today!

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