Using search techniques on L’Année Philologique

- Go to [http://exeter.ac.uk/library](http://exeter.ac.uk/library)
- Click on Databases
- Select “Classics and Ancient History” from the Subject drop down list
- Select ‘Année Philologique’

Try using some of the keyword search examples below in ‘All fields’ box:

1. **Combining using AND**
   
   Search for: **Homer AND Achilles**
   
   *Retrieves those records which make reference both to Homer and to Achilles*

2. **Combining using OR**
   
   Search for: **Delphi OR Delphic**
   
   *Retrieves all those records which make reference either to Delphi or Delphic or to both*

3. **Phrase searching**
   
   *Place quotation marks around terms to search for a phrase, this will help you retrieve more relevant results*
   
   Search for: **“Amasis painter”**
4. Truncation

Add a wildcard symbol to a word root to find all possible word endings. Commonly used wildcard symbols are * $ £ but you need to check the specific search system you are using (check the help or user guide). Tip: L’année Philologique uses *

Search for: Delphi*

5. Wildcard

Wildcards are characters that can be used to pick up variant spellings in the middle of words. Tip: L’année Philologique uses ?

Search for: wom?n

6. Proximity searching

Proximity searching can be used to specify how many words away from each other two keyword terms should be in results. Proximity searches in L’année Philologique are carried out by placing ~n (n= maximum number of words between keywords) after a “phrase search”.

Search for: “Delphi* oracle” ~5