

Proquest UK Newsstand: A basic guide to searching

What is Proquest UK Newsstand?

Proquest is a full text database of UK and Irish national and local press. A list of all the publications covered is available online. Each issue of every newspaper is indexed including editorials, obituaries, and letters.

The back archive varies according to the newspaper concerned, but goes back at least 3 years for all the national UK papers. The service is kept regularly updated with new stories appearing 1-3 days after publication.

Accessing Proquest UK Newsstand

On the Library Electron Resources website at: <http://catalogue.wellcome.ac.uk/search/>
Click on the letter P then select **Proquest UK Newsstand** from the list of databases.
In the database record, click on the title to enter the database.

No user name or password is required. Onsite library access only.

Searching Proquest UK Newsstand

Basic Search:

1. Type a word or phrase into the main search box.
2. Select the date range you wish to search from the next drop down menu.
3. Click on *Search*.

Refine your search by using:

- **Phrase-searching** – use quotation marks “ ” around a phrase to ensure that words are searched in exact order e.g. “avian flu”
- **AND** – to find documents that contain 2 or more terms
e.g. “GM food” AND famine
- **OR** – to find documents that contain any one of several terms
e.g. gm OR “genetically modified”
- **AND NOT** – to exclude a specific term
e.g. plants AND NOT animals
- **Brackets** are used to group together related terms
- ***** – use after the stem of a word to find all words that begin with that stem
e.g. medic* will cover medicine, medical, medicines, medicinal, etc.

These ‘operators’ can be combined *in complex searches* e.g. (gm OR “genetically modified”) AND (food OR crop*)

Advanced Search

For even more precise searching select the *Advanced Search* option from the top of the screen. In addition to the above, this allows you to:

- Choose where to search in the article e.g. Document Title, Person, Publication Title etc.
- Choose the operators you wish to use with each search term.
- Search selected publications by clicking on the *More Search Options* link at the bottom of the screen, and adding titles via the *Look up publications* link.



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Viewing your results

- Results are displayed as a list, giving the title of the document and the citation.
- To view the full text of any item click on the title. The full record contains an abstract of the document followed by the full text, with the search terms highlighted.
- To select an item, click in the *Mark record* box either in the list of results or in the full text record. Marked records are saved to the *MyResearch* area for the duration of your session.
- To view the selected marked records click on the *MyResearch* tab at the top of the screen

Email, print or download results

Marked records can be emailed, printed or downloaded from the *MyResearch* section of the database. You can also print and email from within the full record of any item.

MyResearch

From *MyResearch* you can:

- Print, download or email marked lists.
- create bibliographies and web pages of marked lists.
- View the searches for the current session and re-run any of them.
- Set up email alerts or RSS feeds of any searches created.

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