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Using the singular form of a word will return plurals and possessives.

Wildcards are used in LexisNexis. There are differences, though, from many other databases.

- The exclamation mark (!) represents any number of characters including no characters at all at the end of a word. This is often referred to as truncation.
- The asterisk (*) holds one space at any point in a word; you can insert as many asterisks as spaces you would like to search.

Boolean operators (AND and OR) be used to limit your search.

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Natural language searching allows you to put in a phrase or question that the database will parse to give you results.

Search Results

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The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic search results page. The search query is "(what effect doe the u.s. china t..." and 127 results were found. The results are sorted by Relevance. The left sidebar shows filters for Result Groups, Sources by Category (Newspapers, Magazines & Journals, News Transcripts, Industry Trade Press, Newsletters), Publication Name, Subject, Industry, Company, Geography, Language, and People. The main results list includes:

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- 7. China should help the West by helping itself (The Gazette (Montreal), November 17, 2007 Saturday, BUSINESS; Jay Bryan; Pg. C1, 774 words, JAY BRYAN, The Gazette)
- 8. RETHINK TRADE SURPLUS (Chinadaily.com.cn, July 12, 2006 Wednesday, 587 words)
- 9. Will the 'undervalued' yuan rise to US wooing? (New Straits Times (Malaysia), December 14, 2007 Friday, LOCAL; Pg. 27, 799 words, Hardev Kaur)
- 10. China to focus on resolving overcapacity, trade imbalance next year (BBC Monitoring Asia Pacific - Political Supplied by BBC Worldwide Monitoring, November 30, 2005 Wednesday, 581 words)
- 11. The G-7 can do better (The Business Times Singapore, April 26, 2006 Wednesday, VIEWS AND OPINIONS; Editorial, 528 words)
- 12. WHY CHINA HAS GIVEN A CHILLY RECEPTION TO SNOW'S PRESSURE ON REVALUING ITS CURRENCY (The Independent (London), September 4, 2003, Thursday, BUSINESS; Pg. 20, 1161 words, HAMISH MCRAE)
- 13. Rising commodity prices cut China's trade surplus by 20pc (The Daily Telegraph (London), July 11, 2008 Friday, CITY; ECONOMICS; Pg. 5, 366 words, Richard Spencer in Beijing)
- 14. China executes tax reforms to reduce record trade surplus; Less or no rebates for low-end exports, more for high-tech products (The Straits Times (Singapore), September 16, 2006 Saturday, 503 words, Tschang Chi-Chu, China Correspondent)
- 15. US deficit fears prompt open policy call (South China Morning Post (Hong Kong), April 18, 1998, BUSINESS POST; Pg. 2, 307 words, JOSEPH LO)
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- 17. CHANGE TRADE PATTERN (Chinadaily.com.cn, June 15, 2006 Thursday, 531 words)
- 18. TRADE SURPLUS FALL (Chinadaily.com.cn, April 14, 2008 Monday, 425 words)
- 19. BANKER CALLS FOR FOREIGN TRADE POLICY IMPROVEMENT (China Daily, March 19, 2005, 961 words)
- 20. Chinese researcher analyses pros and cons of exchange rate readjustment

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