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<td><strong>All words</strong></td>
<td>car &amp; FBT or car FBT</td>
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<td><strong>Any words</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Exclude a word</strong></td>
<td>loan % gift</td>
<td>loan NOT gift</td>
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<td><strong>Find different term but not the 2nd</strong></td>
<td>tax! = tax, taxed, taxation, taxing etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Use brackets to search for any related terms</strong></td>
<td>excise &amp; (wine OR beer OR spirits)</td>
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- **Proximity searches**  
  - Only retrieves results where your search terms appear closely together
  - **/n** [within n words]  
    - business /3 expense  
  - **+n**  
    - business +3 expense  
  - **w/n** [within n words]  
    - n can be any number  
    - business w/3 expense  
  - **w/sen** [within 20 words]  
    - business w/sen expense  
  - **w/par** [within 80 words]  
    - business w/par expense  
  - **w/p** [within same paragraph]  
    - business w/p expense  
  - **NEAR** [within 50 words]  
    - business NEAR expense  
  - **w/n** [within n words]  
    - n can be any number  
    - business w/3 expense  
  - **pre/n**  
    - business pre/3 expense  
  - **w/s** [within same sentence]  
    - business w/s expense  
  - **w/p** [within same paragraph]  
    - business w/p expense

1. Use quotation marks if your phrase contains a search operator e.g. “not for profit” or “research and development”