



## Refining Results in APA PsycNET

The American Psychological Association's search platform, APA PsycNET, features functionalities that address the needs of a wide range of searchers, including students, faculty, researchers, and librarians. Although it is important to provide sophisticated search technologies for expert searchers, many users simply type a word or two into the search box and hit "Search." Particularly in a database the size of PsycINFO®, the results can be overwhelming. Two features, **Search within Results** and **Narrow Results by**, give the user the opportunity to refine the search results on the results page itself.

**Search within Results** allows users to add search terms to their current results to narrow down to more relevant hits.

**Narrow Results by** is an at-a-glance overview of the search results and gives searchers several options to quickly narrow their results to relevant records.

Although these tools provide a quick, convenient method for refining searches for anyone searching APA PsycNET, novice searchers may find these features useful as a discovery tool to build more advanced searches.

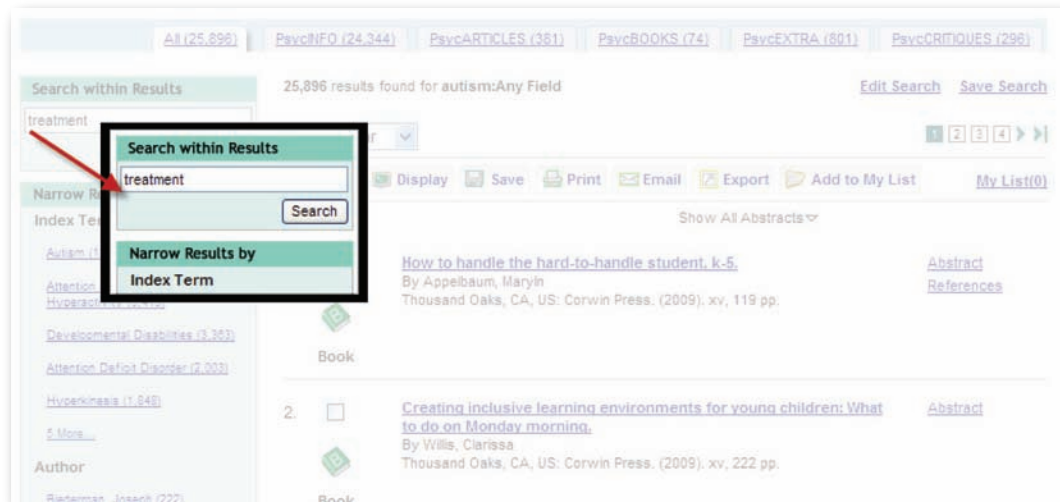
### The Narrow Results by list displays the top ten most frequently occurring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Age Groups           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population Groups    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Test & Measures      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Languages            |
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## Search Example

If you were to search for “Autism” in the Index Terms field, you would get more than 12,000 results. After you scan the results, perhaps you realize that you are interested only in articles about the treatment of autism. To narrow your results, type “treatment” in the **Search within Results** box.



Your results list will be redisplayed to show articles concerning the treatment of autism. You also have the option to further refine your results. Perhaps you want to see only empirical studies about the treatment of autism. To do this, scroll down the **Narrow Results by** list until you come to **Methodology** and select “empirical study.”

25,896 results found for autism:Any Field

Search within Results: treatment

Sort by: Year

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Methodology

Empirical Study (13,818)

Quantitative Study (5,109)

Literature Review (1,397)

Clinical Case Study (1,347)

Longitudinal Study (783)

5 More...

Tests and Measures

Wechsler Intelligence Scale For Children, Third Edition (427)

Child Behavior Checklist (388)

Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales (380)

Childhood Autism Rating Scale (Th) (282)

Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (270)

5 More...

Classification Code

1.  [How to handle the hard-to-handle student, k-5.](#) [Abstract](#) [References](#)  
By Appelbaum, Marylin  
Thousand Oaks, CA, US: Corwin Press. (2009). xv, 119 pp.  
Book

2.  [Creating inclusive learning environments for young children: What to do on Monday morning.](#) [Abstract](#)  
By Willis, Clarissa  
Thousand Oaks, CA, US: Corwin Press. (2009). xv, 222 pp.  
Book

15.  [Intact implicit learning of spatial context and temporal sequences in childhood autism spectrum disorder.](#) [Abstract](#) [Full-text PDF](#) [Full-text HTML](#) [References](#)  
By Barnes, Kelly Anne; Howard Jr., James H.; Howard, Darlene V.; Glotty, Lisa; Kenworthy, Lauren; Gaillard, William D.; Vaidya, Chandan J.  
Neuropsychology. Vol 22(5), Sep 2008, 563-570.  
Journal Article

You have now narrowed your original search on autism to empirical studies about the treatment of autism. You can continue narrowing using these tools until you find manageable results.