

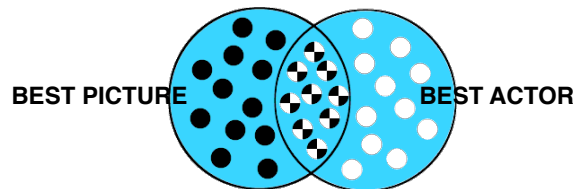


# Search Strategy Hints



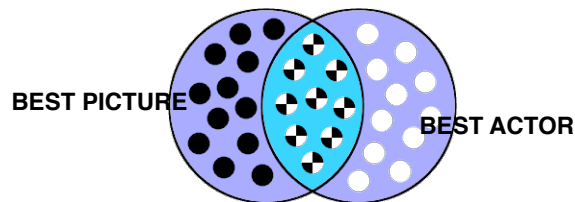
1. Define **concepts and keywords**. Sometimes you may need to look at an encyclopedia or your text books to understand a topic and get some hints as to the main concept. This is especially true if you have been assigned a topic about which you are unfamiliar.
2. Use **Quotation marks** to enclose a phrase - "best picture"
3. Find **synonyms** for your concepts. Brainstorm keywords that are related to the ones in your topic sentence. You may want to use a thesaurus for this.
  - ❖ fast food – Wendy's, McDonalds
  - ❖ eating disorders – bulimia, anorexia,
  - ❖ Academy Awards – Oscars, best picture
4. **Truncate** words
  - ❖ Shorten words to search for variations of a word; use \* - child\* searches for child children, childish
5. Use **Boolean** connectors – **OR, AND, NOT** - results for each operation are shown in turquoise  
All films that have won **EITHER** a Best Picture **OR** Best Actor Award ()

OR



All films that have won **BOTH** a Best Picture **AND** Best Actor Award )

AND



Films that have won Best Picture but **NOT** a Best Actor Award **NOT** should be used cautiously because it can eliminate a lot of resources.

NOT

