Example Search

Is there any research that demonstrates a relationship between a person’s attractiveness and their school achievement?
• You cannot just type your search question into the *PsycINFO* database
• Like all of our databases, *PsycINFO* is not programmed to understand, or make sense of, English sentences
• You should first identify the key concepts reflected in your search question:

  Is there any research that demonstrates a relationship between a person’s attractiveness and their school achievement?

• Then, enter the key concepts into the database search boxes, putting the AND connector between each of the different concepts
PsycINFO Search: Attractiveness AND School Achievement
— The **AND** connector narrows a search
— In this case, it asks the database search engine to only display results that have **Attractiveness** as well as [and] **School Achievement** in the descriptions of database items
PsycINFO Search Results: Attractiveness AND School Achievement

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Facial attractiveness has been shown to have powerfully biasing effects in hypothetical investigations of teacher attitudes. The present study employed 440 Caucasian 3rd-5th graders to ascertain the relationship between rated attractiveness and 2 measures of school performance. Seven graduate students in special education rated individual photographs of Ss as to attractiveness of S. Ss rated as most attractive and least attractive (84 Ss) were selected for further study. Attractive children received significantly higher report cards and, to some degree, higher achievement test scores than their unattractive peers. Results are discussed, and implications for further research are considered.
There is a problem with this search: there are more than 6 items in the *PsycINFO* database about this topic.

**WHY**

*Why* did our search not display all the database items that discuss our topic?