PsycInfo
Advance Search tips
• Available via the ProQuest and OVID platforms
• Electronic bibliographic database that provides abstracts and citations to scholarly psychological literature
• Covers the literature from 1806 to present
• Indexes over 1,800 international journals (25 languages); updated weekly
• Also covers books, book chapters, reports, etc.
• Keywords vs. Descriptors
• Search Tools
  • Thesaurus
  • Command Line Search
• Broader and narrower terms
Keywords vs. Descriptors

• **Keywords**
  • can appear anywhere: title, abstract, descriptors, author’s name, etc.

• **Descriptors**
  • controlled vocabulary; added by human indexers to describe main topics of articles
  • Also known as “subject headings”
Keywords vs. Descriptors

• Using descriptors improves your chances of finding all articles on a topic

TOPIC: face recognition in children
Search “Anywhere”

Advanced Search

- face recognition
- children

AND OR

in in

Anywhere Anywhere
Limit by “Age group”

- Select all
  - Childhood (birth-12 Yrs)
  - Neonatal (birth-1 Mo)
  - Infancy (2-23 Mo)
  - Preschool Age (2-5 Yrs)
  - School Age (6-12 Yrs)
  - Adolescence (13-17 Yrs)
  - Adulthood (18 Yrs & Older)
Predicting face recognition skills in children: Global processing and attention to the eyes.

The development of face recognition: Experimental evidence for maturation.

Age-related differences in brain electrical activity during extended continuous face recognition in younger children, older children and adults.
Subject or Descriptor is “Face Perception”

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PsycInfo Search Tools

- Thesaurus
  - An alphabetical listing of all the terms used in a database
  - Use to find the preferred term for a concept
    Example: A search on *face recognition* leads to *face perception*
- Command Line Search
  - Search by “Fields”; combine fields using operators e.g. *and*, *or*, *not*, *near*
  - Allows for very precise searching
### Advanced Search

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PsycINFO 2015 Thesaurus

Search terms: Face Recognition

Contains word(s) Begins with

Browse terms: All 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Click a term in the list below to see it in the context of the thesaurus hierarchy. Learn more

Face Recognition

• notes

Explode Major
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- Perception
- Visual Perception
- Face Perception

Used for human or animal populations.

Use term for:
- Face Recognition

Creation year: 1985

Related terms:
- Emotion Recognition
- Facial Expressions
- Facial Features
- Prosopagnosia
- Social Perception

(use for: Face Recognition)

Combine using:
- OR
- AND
- NOT

1 terms selected

Add to search

Close
A Thesaurus also shows relationships between terms such as related terms, broader terms and narrower terms.

Example: *Classical Conditioning*

- *Conditioning* is a broader term
- *Conditioned Response* is a narrower term

- “Explode” feature – search a subject term and all of its associated narrower terms