



Use *Google Scholar* (scholar.google.com) to identify common collocations (i.e. bits of useful language) in the *Results section* of research reports.

Search for a whole phrase using quotation marks ("")

- Use an asterisk (\*) to replace any single word.
- Use double full stop (..) to indicate a number range, e.g. 1..100

❶ Search for the percentages that often occur with the **Expressions of proportion** in the Table below. Use the suggested search phrases in quotation marks.

**E.g.** A search for "vast majority 1..100" returns the following results:

[Prevalence of serum antibody to staphylococcal enterotoxin F among Wisconsin residents: implications for toxic-shock syndrome](#)

JM Vergeront, SJ Stolz, BA Crass, DB Nelson, JP ... - *The Journal of infectious ...*, 1983 - JSTOR

... Although recent surveillance data suggest that TSS occurring in males may be more common than previously appreciated [16], a **vast majority (97%)** of the TSS cases reported to the Wisconsin Division of Health [6] and 96% of the cases reported to the Centers for Disease ...

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[Relationship between the seed rain and the establishment of vegetation in two areas abandoned after peat harvesting](#)

V Salonen - *Ecography*, 1987 - interscience.wiley.com

... 7.2 12.8 \* 3685.2 2.8 6.0 2.0 0.4 8.4 46.0 0.4 0.8 0.4 2.0 10.0 119.3 0.4 not estimated IIOL.AKC lie I-COLOGY I(>.1 (1987) 173 Page 4. New habitat (van Hulst 1978). Of the seeds dispersing to the study areas, a **vast majority (99%)** possessed some kind of a transportation device. ...

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Expressions of proportion	Search for..	Range of percentages in RR
vast majority	"vast majority 1..100"	99% – 70%
large majority		
substantial majority		
small majority		
slight majority		
less than half	"less than half 1..100"	
almost half	"almost half 1..100"	
nearly one third	"nearly one third 1..100"	

❷ Search for the verbs commonly used in LOCATION OF RESULTS such as the verb *show* in the expression *Table 1 shows*. Try to identify verbs other than *show* and *present*.

Search for...	Verbs used for location of the results
"Figure 1..50 * the"	
"Table 1..50 * the"	