Mastering Boolean Logic in Babel Street Insights

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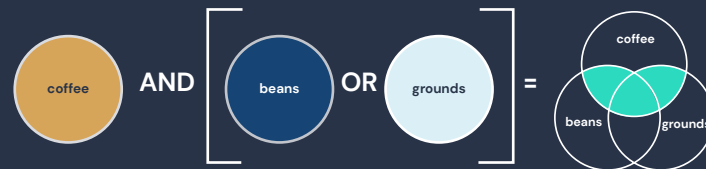
What is Boolean Logic?

Boolean Logic helps you search smarter by using simple words like AND, OR, and NOT. These words tell the system how to connect your keywords.

At its core, Boolean Logic works like a true or false test — it checks if your search terms meet certain rules and gives you results that match.

Explanation

coffee AND **beans** AND **grounds** =

AND
Only results that contain **all** keywords

The more keywords under an "AND" operator, the less results you will likely return

beans OR **grounds** = **beans grounds**

OR
Results that contain **either** keyword

The more keywords under an "OR" operator, the more results you will likely return

beans NOT **grounds** = **beans grounds**

NOT
Results that **exclude** any terms following

Example 1
This example will return combinations coffee + beans, coffee + grounds, or coffee + beans + grounds.

coffee AND [**beans** OR **grounds**] =

Example 2
Without parentheses, the search runs left to right, doing AND first. It finds records with coffee + beans or any with grounds.

coffee AND **beans** OR **grounds** =

AND + OR

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