

Let Me Google that for You

Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.



Exact Phrase

What it does: searches for an exact phrase
What to type: "one small step for man"
What you'll get: results that include the exact phrase "one small step for man"



Excluded Words

What it does: excludes search results with a particular word or phrase
What to type: bass -fishing
What you'll get: results about bass that are not related to fishing



Similar Words

What it does: searches for a word and all its synonyms
What to type: ~mobile phone
What you'll get: results with the word "phone," as well as "cell," "cellular," "wireless," etc.



Multiple Words

What it does: searches for webpages that include either word
What to type: vacation London OR Paris
What you'll get: results with the word "vacation" and either "London" or "Paris"



Numerical Ranges

What it does: searches for a range of numbers
What to type: Willie Mays 1950...1960
What you'll get: results about Willie Mays during this time period

define:

Find Meanings

What it does: defines a word or phrase
What to type: define:plethora
What you'll get: links to definitions of the word "plethora"

site:

Site Specific

What it does: searches only particular websites
What to type: global warming site:edu
What you'll get: references to global warming found on .edu websites

link:

Linked Pages

What it does: searches for webpages that link to a particular website
What to type: link:www.umich.edu
What you'll get: websites that link to the University of Michigan website

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Math Answers

What it does: basic calculator functions
What to type: 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.
What you'll get: the answer

cm in foot

Conversions

What it does: converts units of measure
What to type: cm in foot, 28C in F, \$ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light, etc.
What you'll get: the converted answer

Search News Archives - <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Search a Particular Site for Articles

Example: search globe and mail for math articles:

In Google Search - site:www.theglobeandmail.com + math

Adjust Reading Levels

In Search Tools → All Results → Reading Level

Search by Voice

- Requires access to microphone

Search by Image

- <http://www.google.com/imghp>
- Google app on iPad take allows you to take an image and search

Google classroom poster

goo.gl/fqgC8r

goo.gl/RtKlji

within a specific site - site:

file type - filetype:

range of time - ...

see the time – ex. Time Japan

definitions - define:

search globe and mail for math articles:

site:www.theglobeandmail.com + math

can then select search option to set time range

or reading level

You can upload images to search.

Nature walk for identification

Works better on mobile devices

Google Scholar - scholar.google.ca

Custom range

Look at the number of time cited

My Library

– can create a library to come pack

- Will make your library public

My Citations -

search by voice click on microphone.

Google news – you can save settings

News.google.ca

- Can personalize your news
- Can change to French

Advanced Search – you can change reading level

When you are in google doc

Tools – research

Can also filter by licence – focus on copyright!

Pushes APA in social sciences for citation.

Revision history – file see revision history, need editing writes.

Search news archives

<http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Google's search site for students – a site to help you help your students

Google a day challenge