

Basic Search

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Using "search hacks" will make your time online more productive and yield better results. Give these tricks a try as you complete our Internet Scavenger Hunt.

Exact Phrase

"exact phrase"

How: Use quotation marks around a "phrase" to search for the exact phrase

Example: *And then they watched the sky burn* (no quotes) retrieves in a Billie Eilish song

When you add the quotes to "*And then they watched the sky burn*" the results are about a Vietnam Veteran's search for a Corpsman

Exclude Words

-exclude

How: Use a hyphen or minus sign - to exclude or omit terms you don't want returned in your results

Example: *Mustang -car*

With the exclude phrase you will receive results about mustangs that are not cars

Example: *salsa recipe -tomato*

With the exclude phrase you will receive recipes for salsa that do not include tomatoes

Example Double Exclude: *brownie recipe -egg -cocoa -chocolate*

With the exclude phrase you will receive recipes for brownies that do not include eggs, cocoa or chocolate

Include Words



+include

How: Use a plus sign - to include terms you must have returned in your results

Example: *+pickle +purple*

With the include phrase you will receive results about purple pickles

This OR That



word OR word

How: If you're looking for results that are about one topic or another, but nothing else, use the OR modifier to get more accurate results.

Example: *dog OR cat*

With the OR phrase you will receive pages that have either the word dog OR cat

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Wildcard

word * word

How: When you use an asterisk in a search term on Google search, it will leave a placeholder that may be automatically filled by the search engine later.

Example: *a * by any other **

With the * wildcard command you will find the "a rose by any other name" phrase is from Romeo and Juliet

Definitions

define:

How: Add the term `define:` to receive a definition of a word

Example: `define:staycation`

With the `define:` command you will receive a dictionary definition of the word staycation

Filetype

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How: Add the term `filetype:` to return a search results list with only a specified extension. For example maybe you need a PowerPoint with information about Park City, Utah

Example: `+"park city" +utah filetype:ppt`

With the `filetype:` command you will receive several presentations to review.
