

Going Beyond Google Search

Where to Learn More:

- The **Google Support** website offers search tips and tricks.
 - <https://support.google.com>
- **GCF Global** has a "Search Better" tutorial with basic search tips and specific Google search tips.
 - <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/search-better-2018/>
- **GoogleGuide** provides an extensive tutorial on searching Google. It is not affiliated with Google but gives an excellent overview of search strategies that can also apply to other search engines or databases.
 - <http://www.googleguide.com>

Search Google with Operators:

What is a search operator?

- An operator is a character or set of characters that can be used to narrow or broaden the focus of a search in a search engine.
- In Google Search, you can use operators individually or in combination.

Search Operators:

Operator	Function	Example
" "	Search for an exact phrase by enclosing it in "quotation marks."	"public library"
AND	Search for results in which both words (or phrases) occur.	Public AND library "public library" AND eBooks
OR	Search for results in which either one or the other (or both) words or phrases occurs.	Teens OR adolescents
NOT or -	Exclude results that include the word.	Tuna NOT salad Salsa -dancing
*	The * is called a wildcard and can serve as a placeholder for words or letters	Child* (This would retrieve results with child, children, childhood, etc.)
..	Search for results within a range of numbers or dates.	2012..2014 \$25..\$40
Site:	Search for results within a specific website.	Site:nytimes.com "Sunday Crossword"



Search Operators (continued):

Operator	Function	Example
Filetype:	Search for a specific type of document or file	Filetype:pdf
Related:	Search for results related to a site	Related:skokie.org

Fun/Useful Tips & Tricks:

- Make Google **your calculator** by typing the equation into the search bar. Example: 25% of 5000. You can also search for **calculator** to bring up a basic calculator interface.
- Use Google to figure out **currency and unit conversions**. Example: 60 dollars to pounds. Example #2: 100 pounds to kg.
- Get a **weather forecast**. Try typing "forecast in Chicago" or "weather Skokie."
- Search for "Flip a Coin" or "Roll a Dice"
- Set a **timer or stopwatch**. Type "Stopwatch" or "Timer" into the search box. Or type "set timer for 5 minutes."
- Quickly **calculate a tip**. Type "Tip Calculator" into the search box.
- Set a **metronome**. Type "Metronome" into the search box and set the beat.
- Play **games!** Type "Solitaire" or "Tic-tac-toe" into the search box to play.
- Type "Do a barrel roll" into the search box.

Fun/Useful Google Sites

Site	Description
Google Scholar (https://scholar.google.com)	Search for scholarly articles, books, and other publications.
Google News Archive (https://news.google.com/newspapers)	Search Google's archive of historical newspapers.
Google Arts & Culture (https://artsandculture.google.com/)	View high-resolution images of artworks from participating museums.
Google Trends (https://trends.google.com)	Learn about the popularity of search terms in Google Search.
Advanced Image Search (https://www.google.com/advanced_image_search)	Narrow and reverse search for images.