Going Google Search Strategies

Search Operator Examples

Search Operator	Search Example	Finds pages containing
Keyword Search	sailboat chesapeake bay	the words **sailboat, chesapeake** AND **bay**
OR Search (OR has to be capitalized)	cloning OR genetics OR reproduction	**cloning** OR **genetics** OR **reproduction**
Search Exact Phrase *Quotations marks glue words together; the phrase will stay together in the results*	"I have a dream"	the exact phrase **"I have a dream"**
Exclude Keywords *There must be a space before the minus sign* *There must NOT be a space between minus sign and the word to eliminate*	virus -computer	the word **virus** but NOT the word **computer**
Synonym Search	castle ~glossary	**glossaries** about **castles** as well as **dictionaries**, **lists of terms**, **terminology,** etc.
Definition Search	**define** sarcastic	definitions of the word **sarcastic** from the Web
Number Range Search *three dots …*	war 1800…1900 Computer $250…500	will search for any number values, prices, or years within a range of numbers
Fill in the Blank Searching *An asterisk is a placeholder for any unknown or wildcard term.*	all that * is not *	the asterisk will leave a blank for one missing word in a phrase;

Calculator Operator Examples

Search Operator	Meaning	Type this into Search Box
+	addition	45 + 39
-	subtraction	45 - 39
*	multiplication	45 * 39
/	division	45 / 39
% of	percentage of	45% of 39
^	raise to the power	2^5
Convert Units *old units to new units*	convert units	130 lbs in kg 300 Euros in dollars 50 miles in feet

Every word matters
a, an & the do matter; searching with these words will change your results

Word order matters
Changing the order of search terms will alter the search results

Capitalization does not matter
Google doesn't differentiate between upper case and lower case letters in search terms

Spelling matters, but you have help
Spelling search terms wrong will search for those words wrong, BUT Google is great at suggesting proper spelling suggestions

Punctuation Sometimes Matters
Google tends to ignore symbols, however the following symbols and punctuation marks will alter search results

+	@	&	%	$	#	-

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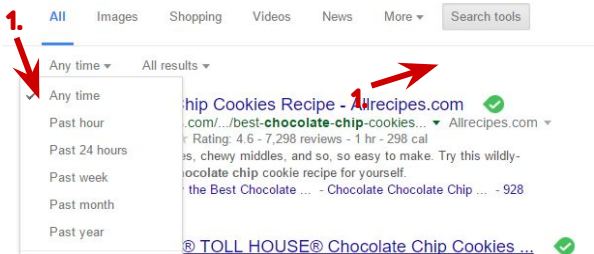
Advanced Search Operator Examples

Search Operator	Search Example	Finds pages ...
safesearch:	**type** safesearch: breast cancer	that exclude adult content
link:	**type** link: www. waterford.k12.wi.us	finds pages that are linked to this page
related:	**type** related: techpd. weebly.com	lists webpages similar to the searched page

allows you to search for websites based on date & time they were updated.

Search Operator	Search Example	Finds pages ...
Flight status	**type** airline flight number	that will give you specific flight information
Calculator	**type** (5*3)+(4*2)+2	will perform calculations for you quickly
Weather	**type** a mailing address	Will generate a map of the specific location
News	**type** news: location	this will give you news for a specific location
Timer	**type** timer amount of time	This will give you a timer for any specific time amount you would like
Books	**type** books author name	this will show you all the books written by a specific author

Find Key Words on a webpage

When on a website, type CTRL + F to search for specific keyword(s) on a website.

My Notes