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Lesson 2.2: Thinking more deeply about your search

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How do you go from idea to understanding?

Use Define

This is lesson 2.2 and the idea of this lesson is how to get you to think more carefully, more deeply, more richly about what it is you're really trying to understand. So this lesson is really going to show you a few other techniques for getting information around the topic, and learning how to read carefully, what it means to use Google tools to do that.

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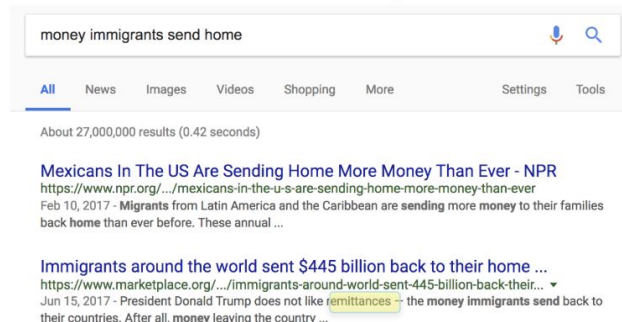
- How do you go from idea to understanding?
- Key idea: Make sure you understand what you're seeing

So I want you to understand that there are tools to help, and let's talk about what those would be. The most important tool is reading carefully and then using word definitions that you can look up easily. So here I've done a query: [money that immigrants send home] is called what?

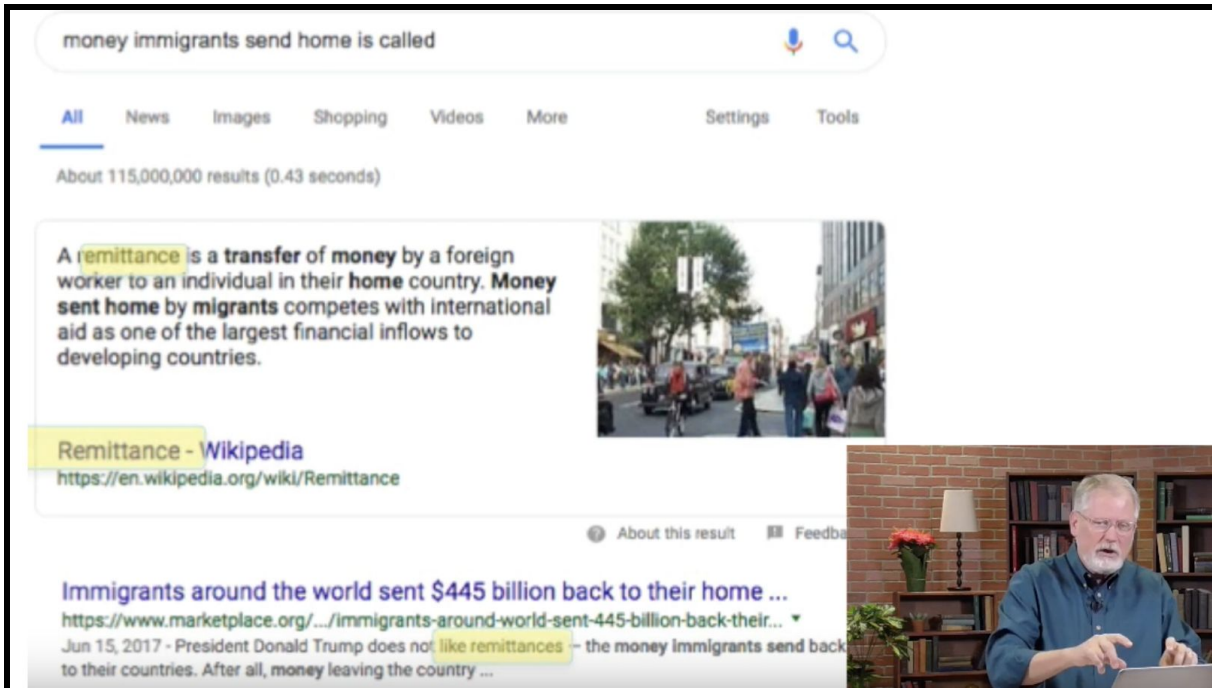
Don't skip words you don't know



- You can look these new terms up... and then use them



So that's a kind of common thing that comes up when you're reading news articles. So here I've done a Google query and I see these words that I don't really understand, so don't let words you don't understand disturb you. Here we've got three different words remittance, remittance, remittance, what is a remittance exactly?



Here in that little inset it gives you a definition from Wikipedia and you can certainly go through and click that, but the important point here is when you do a query and you see an unfamiliar term and in particular if you see it multiple times, get a clue. That's probably an important key term to understanding the concept in this case the word remittance is exactly the right word that you might want to use in a future search. So an important way to get a deeper understanding of these terms is by doing a definition, so here in Google you say define space term in this case remittance and you'll see that we actually give you a very nice dictionary definition. Let me do this for you live.

Google define remittance

About 35,000,000 results (0.72 seconds)

Dictionary

Search for a word

re·mit·tance
/rē'mitns/ ⓘ

noun

a sum of money sent, especially by mail, in payment for goods or services or as a gift.
synonyms: payment, money, fee; More

- the action of sending money in payment.

Translations, word origin, and more definitions

Remittance | Define Remittance at Dictionary.com
<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/remittance>

Remittance definition, the sending of money, checks, etc., to a recipient at a distance. See more.

People also ask

Feedback

A hand cursor icon points to a downward-pointing arrow below the definition.

Here I've done the search for remittance and you can see not only do we have the word, we have a dictionary definition, but we also have this downward pointing arrow. That's a UI widget and when you see something like that you should pay attention to it because it probably gives you additional capabilities, additional power and in this case when you click on the down arrow it actually gives you the ability to switch it to another language and the ability to see the use of that word over time. So ever since roughly 1800 this is the frequency chart, that is, how often it appears in the Google book corpus.

Search for a word

re·mit·tance
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noun

noun: remittance; plural noun: remittances

a sum of money sent, especially by mail, in payment for goods or services or as a gift.
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Translate remittance to Choose language

Use over time for: remittance

Mentions

1800 1850 1900 1950 2010

Show less

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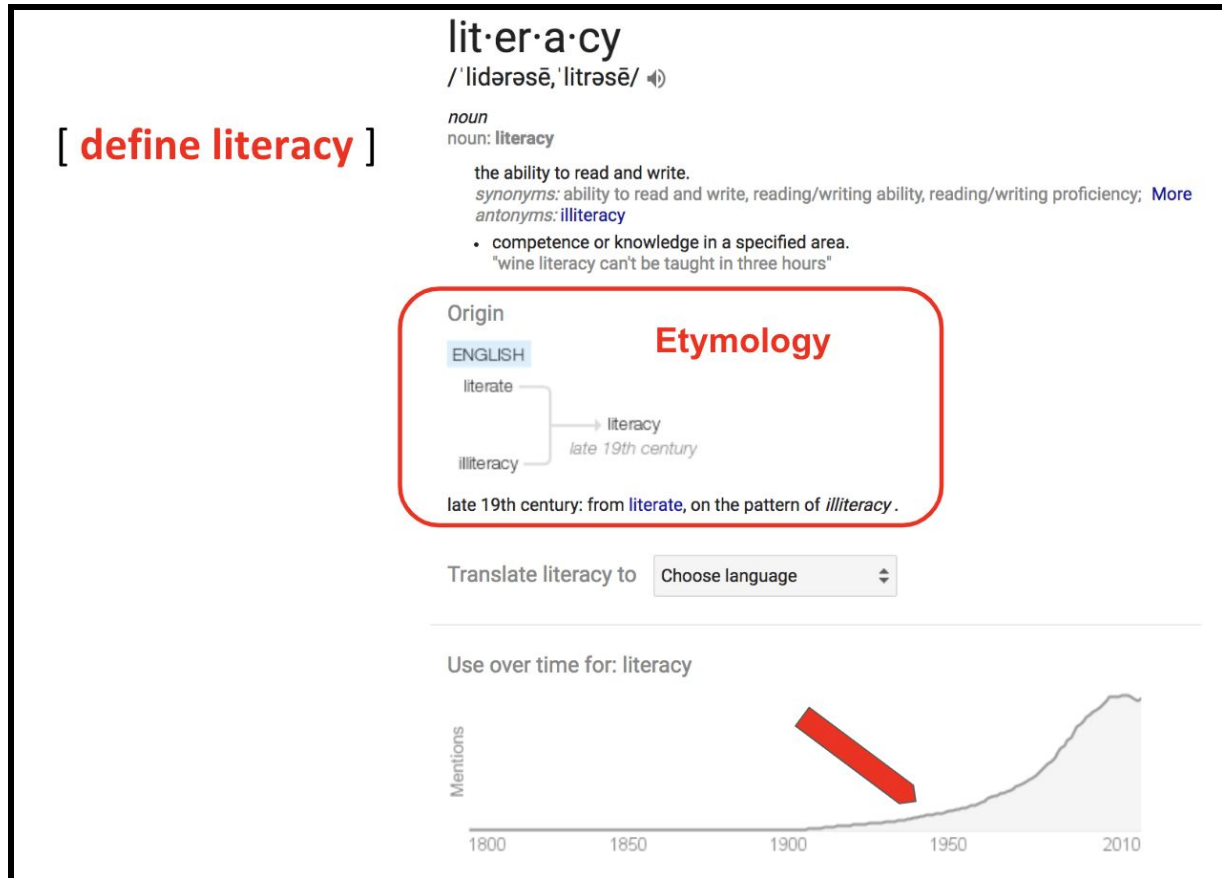
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A line graph shows the frequency of the word 'remittance' from 1800 to 2010. The frequency is relatively stable until around 1900, then rises significantly, peaking around 1950, and then gradually declines. A mouse cursor points to the end of the graph.

So you can see remittance has been a pretty common term for a long time. That's not always true. Let's look for another word. I'm going to say [define literacy]. Now

you know what literacy means and of course you can click on the down arrow again and see that chart over time, but look at the difference. Here is the etymology; so in some words we show you that as well, but look at this! This chart shows me that literacy the word has only been really in common use since about 1950. I would have thought it is a perpetual idea. I would have been wrong.



This is the kind of thing that you can start to use to expand your understanding of a concept. Remember also that we have these other things that will expand your understanding, so here we have *People also ask*. For example, what's the meaning of literacy in English.

People also ask

What is the meaning of literacy in English?

What is literacy and why is it important?

What is a sample of literacy?

What is traditional literacy?

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literacy | Definition of literacy in English by Oxford Dictionaries

https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/literacy

Definition of literacy - the ability to read and write. ... 'tests of literacy and numeracy'. as modifier 'adult literacy programmes'. More example sentences.

PDF | Understandings of literacy - Unesco

www.unesco.org/education/GMR2006/full/chapt6_eng.pdf

ongoing and, at times, highly contested debate over the meaning and definition of the term. 'literacy' and how it is related to the broader notions of education and ...

LITERACY | definition in the Cambridge English Dictionary

https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/literacy

literacy meaning: 1. the ability to read and write: 2. knowledge of a particular subject, or a particular type of knowledge: 3. the ability to read and write: .

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So here we've got three different ways to get more deeply into the understanding of the concept, in this case literacy. Now that you know how to do the definitions, you know how to read more carefully, and when you see words you don't understand, don't just ignore them, don't just pay no attention to them. Especially if they're repeated throughout the search results page; that's a clue that it's probably pertinent, meaning really important to your key concept, so use define, use it often and use it well.

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