

The Best Google Search Tips, Operators, and Commands to Know



Basic Search Symbols

Operator	Meaning	Example
-	Excludes search results that include this term.	best tablets -drawing
	Returns search results that match terms on either side of the pipe. The same as writing "OR" between search terms.	computer tablet
@	Returns search results that match a particular social media site.	phone recall @twitter
#	Returns search results that include a specific hashtag.	#throwbackthursday
""	Returns search results that include all terms within quotes in the exact given order.	"never gonna give you up"
*	Returns search results where any words can be matched in place of the asterisk.	best * in america
..	When placed between two numbers, returns search results that match within the number range.	chromebook \$200..\$500
()	Used to group search terms and control the search logic of the query.	(best worst) office suite

Popular Search Operators

cache:	Show Google's cached version of a specific page.	cache:makeuseof.com
filetype:	Returns only search results that match a particular file extension.	sleep study filetype:pdf
related:	Returns other websites that are similar to the queried website.	related:nytimes.com
site:	Returns only search results from a particular website.	productivity tips site:makeuseof.com

Other Search Operators

inanchor:	Returns pages that are linked to using anchor text matching the search query.
allinanchor:	Same as inanchor, but matching every term that appears after allinanchor.
intext:	Returns only search results that match in the page's body.
allintext:	Same as intext, but matching every term that appears after allintext.
intitle:	Returns only search results that match in the page's title.
allintitle:	Same as intitle, but matching every term that appears after allintitle.
inurl:	Returns only search results that match in the page's URL.
allinurl:	Same as inurl, but matching every term that appears after allinurl.

Informational Search Queries

define	Returns a definition of the given term.	define gregarious
time	Returns the current time at a particular location.	time stockholm
to	Convert measurements from one unit to another.	1 cup to tbsp
translate	Translates the queried terms into another specified language.	translate hello world german