

Google Search Operators Cheat Sheet

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Using **operators** in Google Search can give you incredible power (think superhero or ninja!) over your search results. Check out this cheat sheet.

Operators	What does it do?	Example
Quotes (" ")	Use quotes to locate the exact words in the exact order. Great for song lyrics and literature	["i want to hold your hand"]
Exclude a word (-)	Use the minus sign (-) to eliminate words from a search.	[eagles -philadelphia] Make sure there is NO SPACE after the minus sign.
Search within a site or domain (.gov)	Restricts a search to a specific domain (.gov, .org, etc.)	[consumer help site:gov]
Search within a specific site (site:)	Restricts a search to a specific site (the example is the national zoo).	[pandas site:nationalzoo.si.edu]
Fill in the blank (*)	It's a 'fill in the blank' sometimes know as a 'wild card'. Great tool to find an unknown!	["each year * people die from aids "]
Search either word: OR	To find pages that have either word in your search. The OR must be capitalized!	[olympics location 2014 OR 2018] (finds the location for either 2014 or 2018)
Search for a number range (..)	Works for money, prices, and measures Use JUST TWO periods and NO SPACES.	[computers \$500..\$800] [ford mustangs 1960..1969]
Search by File type (filetype:)	Locates specific file types for your search. Try it with pdf, jpg, ppt, etc.	[form 1040 filetype:pdf] [common core filetype:ppt]
Search within the text (intext:)	Locates a specific word or phrase in the body of the result	[help site:facebook.com intext:hack]

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