

# Better searches. Better results.

Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.

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## Exact Phrase

**What it does:** searches for an exact phrase  
**What to type:** "one small step for man"  
**What you'll get:** results that include the exact phrase "one small step for man"



## Excluded Words

**What it does:** excludes search results with a particular word or phrase  
**What to type:** bass -fishing  
**What you'll get:** results about bass that are not related to fishing



## Similar Words

**What it does:** searches for a word and all its synonyms  
**What to type:** ~mobile phone  
**What you'll get:** results with the word "phone," as well as "cell," "cellular," "wireless," etc.



## Multiple Words

**What it does:** searches for webpages that include either word  
**What to type:** vacation London OR Paris  
**What you'll get:** results with the word "vacation" and either "London" or "Paris"



## Numerical Ranges

**What it does:** searches for a range of numbers  
**What to type:** Willie Mays 1950...1960  
**What you'll get:** results about Willie Mays during this time period

## define:

## Find Meanings

**What it does:** defines a word or phrase  
**What to type:** define:plethora  
**What you'll get:** links to definitions of the word "plethora"

## site:

## Site Specific

**What it does:** searches only particular websites  
**What to type:** global warming site:edu  
**What you'll get:** references to global warming found on .edu websites

## link:

## Linked Pages

**What it does:** searches for webpages that link to a particular website  
**What to type:** link:www.umich.edu  
**What you'll get:** websites that link to the University of Michigan website

## 1+1

## Math Answers

**What it does:** basic calculator functions  
**What to type:** 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.  
**What you'll get:** the answer

## cm in foot

## Conversions

**What it does:** converts units of measure  
**What to type:** cm in foot, 28C in F, \$ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light, etc.  
**What you'll get:** the converted answer

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