Keep it Short
The fewer words you use, the more accurate your search will be. Every time you add a new word to the mix, you limit your results.
Ex: Abe Lincoln Birth

Search for this or that
Use OR between words (in all CAPS)
Ex: marathon or race

Use Quotes
Double quotes around a group of words tells the search engine to consider the exact words in that exact order.
Ex: “to be or not to be”

Missing Words
Can’t remember a word or two from a specific phrase, song lyric, movie quote, etc? Use an asterisk* as a wildcard, to help you fill in the missing word(s).
Example Search: harry potter * of secrets

Words in the Text
If you want to find a webpage where all the terms you’re searching for appear in the text of that page (but not necessarily beside each other), type allintext: followed immediately by the words or phrase.

Note What You Don’t Want
Use a minus sign to identify words you do not want to include in your results. The - should appear immediately before the word and be preceded by a space (so it’s not confused with a hyphen).
Ex: Salsa recipe -tomatoes
You can exclude as many words as you want by using the minus sign in front of each one.
Ex: salsa recipe -tomatoes -peppers

Note The Site Don’t Want to Include
You can also exclude more than just words. For example, place a hyphen before the “site” to exclude a specific site from your search results.
Ex: bebe rexha -youtube

Search for a Word within a site: Ctrl + F will bring up a search bar at the bottom of the page. Enter the word to highlight each occurrence.
Ex: salsa recipe -tomatoes -peppers

Related Words and Synonyms
If you want to include a word in your search, but also want to include results that contain similar words or synonyms type ~ in front of the word.

Two Searches in One Step
To go directly to a specific topic on a specific site, type the url and then the keyword.
Ex: www.billboard.com swift

Word Definitions
Need to quickly look up the definition of a word or phrase? Simply use the define command. You can listen to the word’s pronunciation by pressing the megaphone icon. This always works if you type synonym, antonym, etc.
Ex: define democracy

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Search Social Media
Put @ in front of a word to search social media.
Ex: Elon Musk @twitter

Easily Locate Similar Sites
If you’ve found a great resource, and you want more like it type related:www.
Ex: related:www.history.com

Find Specific Document Types
Looking to find a specific file type (PowerPoint, etc.)? Use the modifier filetype:.
Example Search: “egyptian history” filetype:ppt

Numbers…
Search a time period, dollar amount, etc.
historical events 1950…2000
prices: Apple Macbook $500…700
Russian government 1900…1950

Reverse Image Search
On computer - go to Images.google.com and upload image.
On your phone - Open Google Search app, tap image icon, and snap a picture of the item you want to search for.

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