



How Can I Improve My Google Searches? (Part 3)

By using a few simple techniques in your searches, you can have even better and more significant results from Google (or Infotopia or Kidtopia.)

Find the Weather

If you type **weather** into the search box, a box immediately pops up that shows your local seven day forecast, including temperature, precipitation, wind velocity, etc. You can also add a different city if you are looking for the weather somewhere else in the world.

Do a Site Search

If you want to find an article on climate change on a specific website, just type in **site:** followed immediately by the website you want to use. Then, skip a space and type in the search keywords. Here's an example: **site:nasa.gov climate change**. You'll find an article on climate change on the nasa.gov website. You can try this with almost any website.

Find Related Sites

To search for related sites, just type **Related:** followed by the website for which you are looking for a similar site. Example: **Related:webmd.com** or **Related:cnn.com**

Search Social Media

Search social media by typing the social media site followed by a colon and the person or business you are looking for. Example: **facebook:keto** or **instagram:keto**

Explore Sports

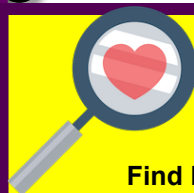
Simply type in the name of a team or player into the Google Search Box and Google will immediately display all pertinent information: the latest game, scores, news articles, standings, and the names of players.

Get Stock Quotes

Just type the **symbol** of a stock, or type **stock quote** and the name of the stock and you'll get a graph of the stock prices, with detailed financial information. You can also click on "Follow" to keep track of changes for particular stocks. Example: **aapl** or **amz**

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Find Nutritional Information

Just type **nutrition:** followed by the name of the food for which you are searching. A large chart will pop up with the full nutritional information, such as total calories, fat, cholesterol, sodium, potassium, protein, vitamin information, etc. Example: **nutrition:potato**

Search for a Hashtag

Just type in a hashtag (#) and a word and you will see articles about that topic as well as Twitter links to that topic. Try it with **#winter**.

Use Google Tabs

Whenever you perform a Google search, you will notice that a set of tabs is displayed at the top of the page. These tabs might include images, videos, news, books, maps, shopping, or others. If you are only searching for an image, just click on the image tab and only images will be displayed. Tabs are an excellent way to improve your search results.

Search by File Type

Many Google users are not aware of this search technique. It can be a very useful search, especially for teachers. If you are looking for a presentation (PPT) or a document (PDF) for a certain topic, just type the keyword and a space followed by **filetype:PDF** or **filetype:PPT**. Examples: **biomes filetype:PDF** or **biomes filetype:PPT**. Google will locate all the PDFs and PPTs on your chosen topic.

Other Really Cool Google Ideas

Use Drag and Drop Features in Google Image Search

Are you trying to identify a certain image or photograph by location or by name? A unique feature of Google Search allows you to drag and drop the image into a Google Image Search box. Just type in **Google Images** in the Google search box, click on the link, and then drag and drop the image into the Google Images search box. Google will display and identify the image or identify similar images.

Translate with Google

If you type **Google Translate** into the search box, a free Google Translator will appear, allowing you to translate words and phrases from one language to another, with several hundred languages available. Google Translate is also available as an app for your smart device.

Explore Travel Information

Type **Google Flights** into a Google search box and click on the link to Google Flights. Then type the names of two airports (or their airport codes) and the dates into the search boxes. Google will then display all the flights and the pricing available, from multiple airlines. Often, there is a link to the airlines' websites for booking the flight directly.

Create a Google Alert

Are you watching for news on a certain topic? You can set a **Google Alert** to send pertinent notifications to you. An example might be to keep informed about a certain diet or a certain politician. Type in **google.com/alerts** in the Google search box. Click on the link to Google Alerts and enter the search term you for which are seeking alerts. You can select how often you want your alerts to be sent to you, as well as the language, region, and the email to receive the alerts.

Employ Google Advanced Image Search

This is an amazing feature offered by Google if you are looking for a specific image to be used in a presentation or web page. First, type in **Google Advanced Image Search** in the search box and click on the result. You can then search for an image by keyword or phrase, image size, aspect ratio, color, type of image, region, file type, and usage rights. The usage rights will tell you if the image is free to use, share, or modify, even for commercial purposes.

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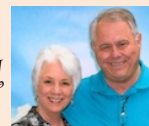
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