How Can I Improve My Google Searches? (Part 2)

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 Definitions**

Just type **define:** followed by the word for which you are seeking a definition. The results will be displayed at the top of the page. Google will offer the definition, the part of speech, the pronunciation of the word, similar and related words, the word's origins, and translations into many other languages. Example: **define:psychology**

• **Correct Spelling**

Just type **spell:** followed by the closest spelling that you know for the word. Google will suggest a word and follow with the all the information given under "Definitions" above. Example: **spell:psychologie** (Google will correct the spelling.)

• **Use a Unit Convertor**

Google will convert area, length, mass, pressure, temperature (Celsius vs. Fahrenheit), time, volume, currency, and more, after you type your entry into the search box. Example: **40 euros** or **32 degrees F**

• **Use a Stopwatch or Timer**

Just type in stopwatch, and both a stopwatch and timer will appear at the top of the results, ready for you to use.

• **Use a Calculator**

Enter a math problem directly into the search box and Google will solve the problem, at the top of the results.

• **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. **Watch for Part 3 in February!**

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1) Your students can simply enter a keyword and click on "Search."

2) Students can click on the icon for their topic. (Science, Biographies, Literature, Social Studies/History, Quotations, Health/Medicine, Images/Audio, or Languages.)

Then, they narrow the search by clicking on a sub-topic. (Literature, for example, has English, American, World and Language Arts for sub-topics.)

Once they have clicked on a sub-topic, a list of topics is displayed. They simply click on a topic that interests them, and click on the search box. (The topic has been entered automatically in the search box.)

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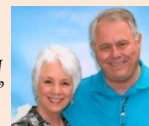*https://www.youtube.com/user/infotopiaworld*

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The States of Matter

Can you name the states of matter? (Of course….solids, liquids, and gases…) Well, there are actually five states of matter, so add plasma and BE condensates to your list. Find some very basic resources plus a video on matter for your elementary students at Kidtopia!

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