



## 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.) Any of our search engines work this way.

- **Use a Wildcard**

If you want to fill in the blank for a quotation or a phrase you are looking for, use an asterisk (\*). Be sure to enclose the phrase in quotation marks. This is sometimes called a "wildcard." Example: **"A rose by any other\*"**

- **Use OR**

To include several related words in a keyword search, use OR in all capital letters. Example: **teenager OR adolescent**

- **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.)

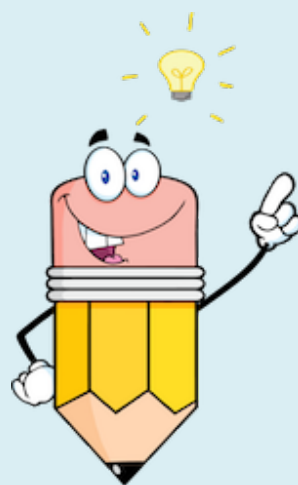
- **Use a Unit Convertor**

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**



## Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers from **Geneva, Switzerland**. We are happy you are using Infotopia.info, VirtualLRC.com, Infotrek.info, Kidtopia.info and Kidtopiafacts.com for your research needs!



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- **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**

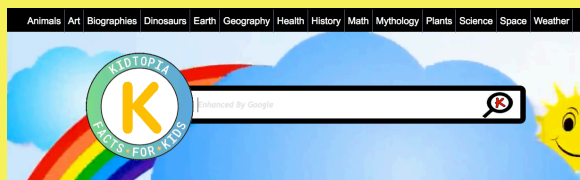
If you type **weather** into the search box, a box immediately pops up that shows your local seven day forecast, including temperature, precipitation, wind velocity, etc. You can also add a different city if you are looking for the weather somewhere else in the world.

**Part 3 will be continued in February 2024.**

## Kidtopia Facts

Have you tried [www.KidtopiaFacts.com](http://www.KidtopiaFacts.com) yet? This website is designed for ages 4-8. Not only can students do word searches for topics, they can also look at the categories and find six websites for each.

The 14 categories include: Animals, Art, Biographies, Dinosaurs, Earth, Geography, Health, History, Math, Mythology, Plants, Science, Space, and Weather.



Here's an example of the websites for the category of "Dinosaurs."



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<https://www.infotopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopiafacts.com>

<https://www.kidtopiagames.com>

<https://www.infotrek.info>

<https://www.virtualLRC.com>

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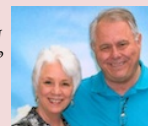
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Do your students want to investigate mythology in more detail? Try our webpage on Greek, Roman, and World Mythology. Our Greek and Mythology resources link to twelve websites each!

Don't forget that your students can always do a keyword search on any of our search engines for more information.

<https://www.infotopia.info/mythologyPopTopics.html>

