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How to search on Google



Learn a few tips and tricks to help you easily find information on Google.

Tip 1: Keep it simple

No matter what you're looking for, try to start with a simple search like **[where's the closest airport?]**. You can always add a few descriptive words if necessary.

If you're looking for a place or product in a specific location, add the location. For example, **[bakery seattle]**.

Tip 2: Search using your voice

Tired of typing? Click the  microphone icon in Chrome's search box to [search by voice](#) .

Tip 3: Use web friendly words

Use words that are most likely to appear on websites. For example, instead of saying **[my head hurts]**, say **[headache]**, because that's the word a medical site would use.

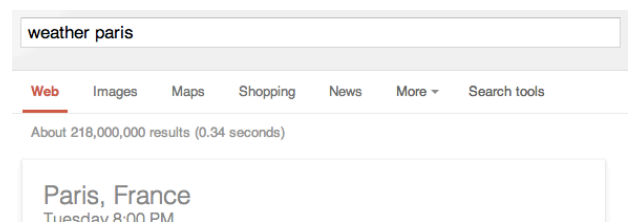
Tip 4: Don't worry about the little things

- **Spelling.** Google's spell checker automatically uses the most common spelling of a given word, whether or not you spell it correctly.
- **Capitalization.** A search for **[New York Times]** is the same as a search for **[new york times]**.
- **Punctuation.** Most punctuation, like **[?!.,%^*(){}]**, is ignored when you search.

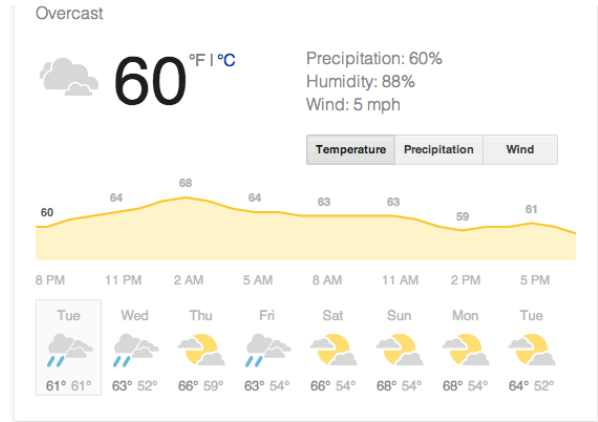
Tip 5: Find quick answers

For many searches, Google will do the work for you and show an answer to your question on the search results. Some features, like information about sports teams, aren't available in all regions.

- **Weather.** Search **[weather]** to see the weather in your location or add a city name after weather to find weather for a certain place.
- **Dictionary.** Put **[define]** in front of any word to see its definition.



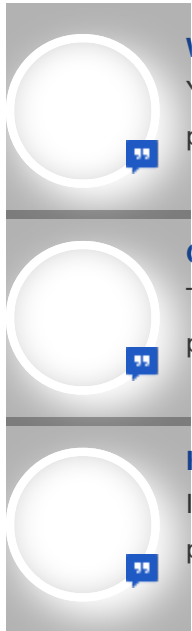
- **Calculations.** Enter a math equation like **[3*9123]**, or solve complex graphing equations.
- **Unit conversions.** Enter any conversion, like **[3 dollars in euros]**.
- **Sports.** Search for the name of your team to see a schedule, game scores and more.
- **Quick facts.** Search for the name of a celebrity, location, movie, or song to find important information.



Become a search expert

Want more tips and tricks to help you search like a pro? Check out the links below to learn more advanced search techniques.

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Why does '+' (plus) no longer seem to function correctly?

You can try putting the word in quotation marks ("keyword") to minimize substitutions...

posted by jscher2000

Google video search?

The "sort by date" feature has been removed in google videos, but you are still able to filter your results...

posted by mixalisaspr

How to filter out Fanhow results?

If it's just one base domain, you can manually add the exclusion to your query...

posted by jscher2000

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