
Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.

- **Exact Phrase**
  - **What it does:** searches for an exact phrase
  - **What to type:** “one small step for man”
  - **What you’ll get:** results that include the exact phrase “one small step for man”

- **Excluded Words**
  - **What it does:** excludes search results with a particular word or phrase
  - **What to type:** bass -fishing
  - **What you’ll get:** results about bass that are not related to fishing

- **Similar Words**
  - **What it does:** searches for a word and all its synonyms
  - **What to type:** -mobile phone
  - **What you’ll get:** results with the word “phone,” as well as “cell,” “cellular,” “wireless,” etc.

- **Multiple Words**
  - **What it does:** searches for webpages that include either word
  - **What to type:** vacation London OR Paris
  - **What you’ll get:** results with the word “vacation” and either “London” or “Paris”

- **Numerical Ranges**
  - **What it does:** searches for a range of numbers
  - **What to type:** Willie Mays 1950...1960
  - **What you’ll get:** results about Willie Mays during this time period

- **Define:**
  - **What it does:** defines a word or phrase
  - **What to type:** define:plethora
  - **What you’ll get:** links to definitions of the word “plethora”

- **Site:**
  - **What it does:** searches only particular websites
  - **What to type:** global warming site:edu
  - **What you’ll get:** references to global warming found on .edu websites

- **Link:**
  - **What it does:** searches for webpages that link to a particular website
  - **What to type:** link:www.umich.edu
  - **What you’ll get:** websites that link to the University of Michigan website

- **Math Answers**
  - **What it does:** basic calculator functions
  - **What to type:** 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.
  - **What you’ll get:** the answer

- **Conversions**
  - **What it does:** converts units of measure
  - **What to type:** cm in foot, 28C in F, $ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light, etc.
  - **What you’ll get:** the converted answer