

Google Search Tips and Tricks

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Introduction

Have you ever been searching for something on google, and gotten tons of unrelated pages in your results? In this web quest, you will be learning about how to enhance your google search. You will learn about keywords and operators to narrow your search results so that you can find exactly what you are looking for.

Tasks

Use the plus symbol (+) in a google search. Use the minus symbol (-) in a google search. Use quotation marks (" ") in a google search. Search within a single website (site:url) Search for a specific file type (filetype:extension)

Process

Plus symbol (+) The plus symbol includes certain keywords in your search results. To use this operator, put it in front of a certain keyword you want to be included. 1. Search Google for the keyword apple. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. 2. Search Google for the keywords apple +fruit. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. **Minus Symbol (-)** The minus symbol excludes certain keywords from your search results. To use this operator, put it in front of a certain keyword you do not want to be included. 1. Search Google for the keywords restaurants near me. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. 2. Search Google for the keywords restaurants near me -breakfast. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. **Quotation Marks (" ")** Quotation marks include exact phrases in the order you typed them in your search results. To use this operator, put them around exact quotes or phrases. 1. Search Google for the keywords free cookie recipes. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. 2. Search Google for the keywords "free cookie recipes". Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. **Site:url** Typing site: and the URL of a website, allows you to search within just that website. To use this operator, type site: and then the URL of the website you want to search within. 1. Search Google for the keyword cheetah. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. 2. Search Google for the keywords cheetah site:www.nationalgeographic.com. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. **Filetype:extension** This operator allows you to search google for a certain file type. To use this operator, type filetype: and then the file extension. For example filetype:pdf 1. Search Google for the keyword mitosis. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get. 2. Search Google for the keywords mitosis filetype:ppt. Record how many results you get, and what kind of results you get.

Conclusion

Plus Symbol (+) When you searched apple by itself, you should have gotten results relating to Apple, the technology company. By adding +fruit you were able to see results relating to the fruit apple. **Minus Symbol (-)** When you searched restaurants near me, you should have gotten all kinds of results about restaurants in your area. By adding -breakfast, you were able to see restaurants without breakfast. **Quotation Marks (" ")** When you searched free cookie recipes, there should have been tons of results that had at least one of those words in them. By adding quotation marks around the keywords, you were able to find results that had those keywords in the exact order you typed them. **Site:url** When you searched cheetah, all kinds of results showed up, and most of them were unreliable. By searching within National Geographic, you were able to find accurate information about cheetahs. **Filetype:extension** By searching mitosis, you got loads of pages relating to mitosis. By adding filetype:ppt you were able to find powerpoint presentations about mitosis.

Teacher Page

This is a class assignment for a Computer Literacy Class. I am a student fulfilling a class assignment. I hope it might be useful for your students.

Standards

Search Tips

Credits

Youtube

Other

No other information

Evaluation

This page was not required for my assignment

Category and Score	Unacceptable (0)	Acceptable (1)	Target (2)		Score
Motivational Effectiveness of Evaluation	Evaluation is purely factual, with no appeal to learners' interest or a compelling question or problem.	Evaluation relates somewhat to the learners' interests and/or describes a compelling question or problem.	Evaluation draws the reader into the lesson by relating to the learners' interests or goals and engagingly describes a compelling essential question or problem.		
				Total Score	