

Google Search Tips



Step 1: Identify keywords for your topic.

“Are teens who play video games more likely to become violent?”

keywords: **“video games” violence ~teens**

Step 2: Use terms that will likely get you better results
my tooth hurts → toothache

Step 3: Broaden or narrow your results

tulips → **flowers** (more general term)

or

cars → **Honda CRV** (more specific term)



Similar Words

searches a word and all its synonyms or similar words

~cars

for vehicles, autos, automobiles

Exact Phrase

Searches for the exact phrase

“change will not come”



Excluded Words

Excludes search results with a certain word or phrase

jaguar speed **-car**
(for the animal, not the car)

site:

Site Specific

You can specify the domain name

.edu .gov .org .com

“climate change” **site:.gov**

**filetype:
ext:**

Looks for results in the specified filetype

“air pollution” **filetype:pdf**
poverty **ext:ppt**
revolutions **filetype:jpg**