

Using **operators** in Google Search can give you incredible power (think superhero or ninja!) over your search results. Check out this cheat sheet.

Operators	What does it do?	Example
Quotes ( " " )	Use quotes to locate the exact words in the exact order. Great for song lyrics and literature	[ "i want to hold your hand" ]
Exclude a word ( - )	Use the minus sign (-) to eliminate words from a search.	[ eagles -philadelphia ] Make sure there is NO SPACE after the minus sign.
Search within a site or domain ( .gov )	Restricts a search to a specific domain (.gov, .org, etc.)	[ consumer help site:gov ]
Search within a specific site (site:)	Restricts a search to a specific site (the example is the national zoo).	[ pandas site:nationalzoo.si.edu ]
Fill in the blank ( * )	It's a 'fill in the blank' sometimes know as a 'wild card'. Great tool to find an unknown!	[ "each year * people die from aids " ]
Search either word: OR	To find pages that have either word in your search. The OR must be capitalized!	[ olympics location 2014 OR 2018 ] (finds the location for either 2014 or 2018)
Search for a number range (..)	Works for money, prices, and measures Use JUST TWO periods and NO SPACES.	[ computers \$500..\$800 ] [ford mustangs 1960..1969]
Search by File type ( filetype:)	Locates specific file types for your search. Try it with pdf, jpg, ppt, etc.	[ form 1040 filetype:pdf ] [ common core filetype:ppt]
Search within the text ( intext:)	Locates a specific word or phrase in the body of the result	[help site:facebook.com intext:hack]