

# The Best Google Search Tips, Operators, and Commands to Know



## Basic Search Symbols

| Operator | Meaning  | Example                     |
|----------|--|-----------------------------|
| -        | Excludes search results that include this term.  | best tablets -drawing       |
|          | Returns search results that match terms on either side of the pipe. The same as writing "OR" between search terms. | computer   tablet           |
| @        | Returns search results that match a particular social media site.  | phone recall @twitter       |
| #        | Returns search results that include a specific hashtag.  | #throwbackthursday          |
| ""       | Returns search results that include all terms within quotes in the exact given order.                              | "never gonna give you up"   |
| *        | Returns search results where any words can be matched in place of the asterisk.                                    | best * in america           |
| ..       | When placed between two numbers, returns search results that match within the number range.                        | chromebook \$200..\$500     |
| ()       | Used to group search terms and control the search logic of the query.  | (best   worst) office suite |

## Popular Search Operators

|           |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|
| cache:    | Show Google's cached version of a specific page.                    | cache:makeuseof.com                     |
| filetype: | Returns only search results that match a particular file extension. | sleep study filetype:pdf                |
| related:  | Returns other websites that are similar to the queried website.     | related:nytimes.com                     |
| site:     | Returns only search results from a particular website.              | productivity tips<br>site:makeuseof.com |

## Other Search Operators

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|--------------|---|
| inanchor:    | Returns pages that are linked to using anchor text matching the search query. |
| allinanchor: | Same as inanchor, but matching every term that appears after allinanchor.     |
| intext:      | Returns only search results that match in the page's body.                    |
| allintext:   | Same as intext, but matching every term that appears after allintext.         |
| intitle:     | Returns only search results that match in the page's title.                   |
| allintitle:  | Same as intitle, but matching every term that appears after allintitle.       |
| inurl:       | Returns only search results that match in the page's URL.                     |
| allinurl:    | Same as inurl, but matching every term that appears after allinurl.           |

## Informational Search Queries

|           |   |                              |
|-----------|---|------------------------------|
| define    | Returns a definition of the given term.                       | define gregarious            |
| time      | Returns the current time at a particular location.            | time stockholm               |
| to        | Convert measurements from one unit to another.                | 1 cup to tbsp                |
| translate | Translates the queried terms into another specified language. | translate hello world german |