
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

**Find Meanings**
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 Specific**
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

**Linked Pages**
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