Better searches.
Better results.

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

**Similiar 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.

**OR 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

**define:** 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:** 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

**link:** 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

**1+1 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

**cm in foot** Conversions
- **What it does:** converts units of measure
- **What to type:** cm in foot, 28G in f, $ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light, etc.
- **What you’ll get:** the converted answer