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Research Skills
Using Google Effectively

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At times it feels like you can find anything and everything on Google. But what do you do when it’s all too much? Here are some tips on how to limit your results and search more precisely.

**Limit your search results to a specific type of website (.gov, .edu, .org, etc)**

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**Example:**

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teenage pregnancy site:org
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The above search will show you only .org websites that deal with teenage pregnancy. In this case, non-profits and community organizations are a great resource for statistics on teenage pregnancy and various prevention initiatives.

**Remember:** Google is **not** a brain. It will look only for the words you search for. It will **not** automatically look for synonyms, or for the in-context meaning of the words.

**To look for synonyms...**

Type ~ before a word (with no space in between the tilda and the word)

Example: ~horse

This will look for horse and horses

**To eliminate words...**

Type – before a word. (with no space in between the dash and the word)

Example: smoke -cancer

This will remove any websites that talk about smoking but also mention cancer

**To search for exact phrases...**

Put your search terms in quotes (“ ”)

Example: “Shaken baby syndrome”

This will show you only websites that have shaken baby syndrome in that precise order with no other words between them