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Research Skills
Using Google Effectively

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Walk-ins welcome!
You can find anything and everything on Google. But what do you do when it’s all too much? Limit your results and search more precisely using the following tricks.

**Limit your search to a specific type of website**

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**Example:**

You can use any of these commands in your search, but you must include the website type you want to limit. For example:

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teenage pregnancy site:org
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This search will only show you .org websites that talk about teenage pregnancy. If you’re looking for organizations or non-profit groups that focus on a topic, this would be a great strategy.

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

**To get Google to look for synonyms**

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

Example: ~horse

This will look for horse and horses.

**To get Google to eliminate words**

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

Example: smoke -cancer

This will eliminate any pages with the word cancer on them.

**To search for exact phrases**

Put your search terms in quotes (""").

Example: “Shaken baby syndrome”

This will show you only pages that have shaken baby syndrome in that order, with no other words between them.