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CHEAT SHEET

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Basic Examples	Finds Pages Containing...
biking Italy	the words biking and Italy
recycle steel OR iron	information on recycling steel or recycling iron
"I have a dream"	the exact phrase I have a dream
salsa -dance	the word salsa but NOT the word dance
Louis +I France	information about Louis the First (I), weeding out other kings of France
castle ~glossary	glossaries about castles , as well as dictionaries , lists of terms , terminology , etc.
fortune-telling	all forms of the term, whether spelled as a single word, a phrase, or hyphenated
define:imbroglio	definitions of the word imbroglio from the Web

Calculator	Meaning	Type Into Search Box
+ - * /	basic arithmetic	12 + 34 - 56 * 7 / 8
% of	percentage of	45% of 39
^ or **	raise to a power	2^5 or 2**5
old units in new units	convert units	300 Euros in USD , 130 lbs in kg , or 31 in hex

Restrict Search	Meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
site:	Search only one website or domain.	Halloween site:www.census.gov (Search for information on Halloween gathered by the US Census Bureau.)
[#]. [#]	Search within a range of numbers.	Dave Barry pirate 2002..2006 (Search for Dave Barry articles mentioning pirates written in these years.)
filetype: (or ext:)	Find documents of the specified type.	Form 1098-T IRS filetype:pdf (Find the US tax form 1098-T in PDF format.)
link:	Find other pages that point to the URL.	link:makeuseof.com (Find pages that link to the MakeUseOf website.)

Specialized Information Queries	Meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
book (or books)	Search full-text of books.	book Ender's Game (Show book-related information. <i>Note: No colon needed after book.</i>)
city1 city2	Book flights.	sfo bos (Book flights from San Francisco to Boston)
define, what is, what are	Show a definition for a word or phrase.	define monopsony, what is podcast (Show a definition for the words monopsony and podcast . <i>Note: No colon after define, what is, or what are.</i>)
define:	Provide definitions for words, phrases, and acronyms from the Web.	define:kerning (Find definitions for kerning from the Web.)
phonebook:	Show all phonebook listings.	phonebook: Disney CA (Search for Disney's phone numbers in California - CA.)
rphonebook:	Show residential phonebook listings.	rphonebook: bill jones NY (Search for the phone number of every Bill Jones in New York State - NY.)
movie:	Find reviews and showtimes.	movie: traffic (Search for information about this movie, including reviews, showtimes, etc.)
stocks:	Given ticker symbols, show stock information	stocks: goog (Find Google's current stock price.)
weather	Given a location (US zip code or city), show the weather	weather Seattle WA, weather 81612 (Show the current weather and forecast. <i>Note: No colon after weather.</i>)

Alternative Query Types	Meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
cache:	Display Google's cached version of a web page.	cache:www.irs.gov (Show Google's cached version of the US Internal Revenue Service home page.)
info: (or id:)	Find info about a page.	info:www.theonion.com (Find information about The Onion website.)
related:	List web pages that are similar or related to the URL.	related:www.healthfinder.gov (Find websites related to the Healthfinder website.)

Restrict Search to Sites Where Query Words Appear	meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
allinanchor:	All query words must appear in anchor text of links to the page.	allinanchor:useful parenting sites (Search for pages that are called useful parenting sites by others.)
inanchor:	Terms must appear in anchor text of links to the page.	restaurants Portland inanchor:kid-friendly (Search for pages on Portland restaurants for which links to the page say they are "kid friendly.")
allintext:	All query words must appear in the text of the page.	allintext:ingredients cilantro chicken lime (Search for recipes with these three ingredients.)
intext:	The terms must appear in the text of the page.	Dan Shugar intext:Powerlight (Find pages mentioning Dan Shugar where his company, Powerlight , is included in the text of the page, i.e., less likely to be from the corporate website.)
allintitle:	All query words must appear in the title of the page.	allintitle: Google Advanced Operators (Search for pages with titles containing "Google," "Advanced,", and "Operators".)
intitle:	The terms must appear in the title of the page.	movies comedy intitle:top ten (Search for pages with the words movie and comedy that include top ten in the title of the page.)
allinurl:	All query words must appear in the URL.	allinurl:pez faq (Search for pages with the words pez & faq in the URL)
inurl:	The terms must appear in the URL of the page.	pharmaceutical inurl:investor (Search for pages in which the URL contains the word investor .)



Restrict Search to Google Groups	meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
author:	Find Groups messages from the specified author.	flying author:Hamish author:Reid (Search for Hamish Reid's articles on flying.)
group:	Find Groups messages from the specified newsgroup.	ivan doig group:rec.arts.books (Search for postings about Ivan Doig in the group rec.arts.books .)
insubject:	Find Groups messages containing crazy quilts in the subject.	insubject:"crazy quilts" (Find articles containing crazy quilts in the subject line.)



Restrict Search to Google News	meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
location:	Find News articles from sources located in the specified location.	queen location:uk (Find British news articles on the Queen.)
source:	Find News articles from specified sources.	peace source:ha_aretz (Show peace articles from the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz.)



Restrict to Google Product Search	meaning	What to Type Into Search Box (& Description of Results)
store:	Find Froogle products from the specified store.	jeans store:gap (Find Gap jeans.)