



# 8 Practical Google Advanced Search Tips for Students



Go to: [https://www.google.ca/advanced\\_search](https://www.google.ca/advanced_search)

## 1 Search for the exact word or phrase :

Insert the word or phrase in quotes: "happy face"

## 2 Search for any of these words :

Insert or between the words: cat or feline

## 3 Exclude these words :

Put the minus sign before the word or phrase:

"- Albert"



## 4 Limit your search to a specific site :

Insert the URL in the box next to 'site or domain'

site or domain:

## 5 Search for pages in a specific format :

file type: any format  
usage rights:  
Search pages that you've visited

- any format
- Adobe Acrobat PDF (.pdf)
- Adobe Postscript (.ps)
- Autodesk DWF (.dwt)
- Google Earth KML (.kml)
- Google Earth KMZ (.kmz)
- Microsoft Excel (.xls)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt)

## 6 Narrow your search by time posted

last update: anytime  
site or domain:  
terms appearing:  
SafeSearch:  
file type: any format

- anytime
- last 24 hours
- upto a week ago
- upto a month ago
- upto a year ago

## 7 Search for pages published in a specific region



region: any region  
last update:  
site or domain:  
terms appearing:  
SafeSearch:  
file type:

- any region
- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola
- Anauilla



## 8 Search for pages published in a specific language



language: any language  
region:  
last update:  
site or domain:  
terms appearing:

- any language
- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Belarusian
- Bulgarian

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