

# Google It

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Google Search

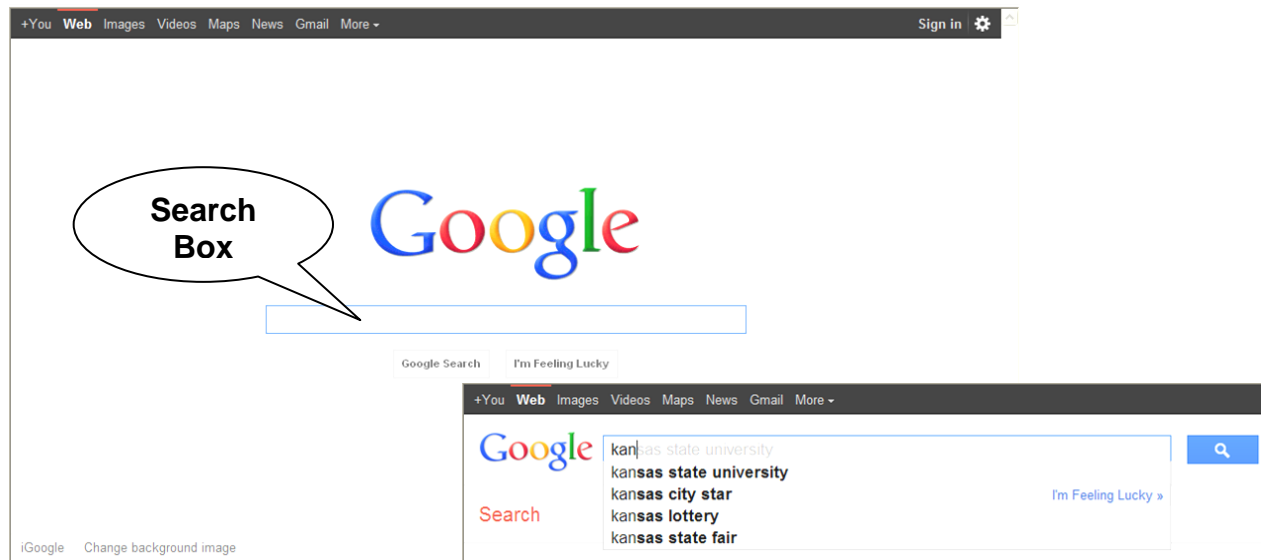
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Google is one of many free **search engines** located on the Internet. Google finds web pages on topics by matching the words you type in the search box with pages containing those words. To accomplish this task, Google copies web pages from the Internet onto its computers. It indexes every significant word on those pages. Google lists the most relevant or highest quality web pages first. This is called *relevancy ranking* and is one reason Google is a very popular search engine.



To search in Google, start to type a significant word in the search box to see a list of possible matches. Click on a preferred term if you see it or continue to type the words you want and click on **Google Search** or press the Enter key or click on the **Search button** . Click on **I'm feeling Lucky** to see just one match.

Some general rules for searching:

- Spelling is important. However, Google will try to match words even though they are misspelled.
- Not case sensitive. Capitalization does not matter.
- Common words such as *a, an, and, the, or, but* are ignored.
- Automatic **and**. By default, Google only returns pages that include all your search terms.
- Google will find words with various endings. Example: **kite flying** will return matches on **kite, kites, kiting** and **flying, fly, flies**.
- Use phrase searching by enclosing terms in double quotes "**kite flying**" to get exact matches. Hint: Always enclose names of people with double quotes to get matches on that name.
- Negative terms. If your search term has more than one meaning (*bass* could refer to a fish or to music) you can focus your search by putting a minus sign (-) in front of words related to the meaning you don't want. Example: **bass -music**
- **OR** search. Use **OR** (must be uppercase) to find pages that include either of two terms. Example: **vacation london OR paris**.
- Synonym search. If you want to search for your term and its synonyms, type the tilde sign (~) in front of the term. Example: **~food**. This will also find *recipes, nutrition, cooking*.

More ways to search....

**Weather**—type “weather” followed by a city (include state or country if needed) or zip code.

*Example*



**Time**—type “time” followed by a city (include state or country if needed).

*Example*



**Stock Quotes**—type the ticker symbol. On the results page, click the link to see more data from Google Finance.

*Example*



**Sports Scores**—to see scores and schedules for sports teams, type the name or league name. All sports data provided by STATS, Inc. Included are: English Premier League, National Football League, National Hockey League, and Major League Baseball.

*Example*



**Calculator**—type the calculation in the search box. Some symbols:

+ addition

\* multiplication

**sqrt** square root

- subtraction

/ division

^ exponent

*Example*



**Local Search**—find a store, restaurant or other local business. Use city and state or zip code.

*Example*



**Movie Showtimes**—type “movies” and city and state or zip code.

*Example*



**Real Estate and Housing**—type “housing”, “home”, or “real estate” and the name of a city or zip code. Click on “Go” on the results page to display details of individual homes that Google has indexed.

*Example*



**Currency Conversion**—some abbreviations:

**USD** = US Dollar

**GBP** = Great Britain Pound

**CAD** = Canadian Dollar

**EUR** = Euro

*Example*



And more ways to search....

**Airline Travel Info**—see flight status for arriving and departing US flights. Also see delays at specific airports by typing the city or 3-letter airport code followed by the word “airport”.

*Example*



*Example*



**Maps**—type in a location or zip code and the word “map”. Click on the map to see a larger version on Google Maps.

*Example*



**Package Tracking**—type the tracking number for UPS, Fedex or USPS packages. From the results page, click on a link to track the status of your shipment.

*Example*



**Patent Numbers**—type the word “patent” followed by the patent number.

*Example*



**Area Code**—find the geographical location of an area code.

*Example*



**Q&A**—find the answer to a fact-based question like what is the population of Kansas.

*Example*



**Definitions**—type the word “define” and a word or phrase.

*Example*



**File Type**—search for specific types of files such a *.pdf*, *.ppt*, *.doc*, etc. Type the word “filetype:” followed by the file format.

*Example*



More

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Look at all the other things it can do!

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The screenshot shows the Google homepage's 'What do you love?' section. At the top is the Google logo and a navigation link 'Everything Google > Products'. Below is a search box with the text 'What do you love?' and a button that says 'Enter something. Click the heart.' with a heart icon and 'from Google' text. The products are organized into four categories: Web, Mobile, Media, and Geo. Each product is represented by an icon, a title, and a brief description.

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