

Internet Search Tools:

+ search

If you want to make sure the word is included on the page you are looking for, type the + sign in front of each term. Example: +science +frogs +poison = 37 Google results vs. 1.02million Google results

- search

If you want to make sure the word is NOT included on the page you are looking for, type the -sign in front of each term. Example: if you want a page on ducks, but not hockey, type ducks -hockey

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If you aren't sure of the suffix, use a wildcard *. Example: if you want education or educate, type educa*.

~ search

If you want to search not only for your search term but also for its synonyms, place the tilde sign ("~") immediately in front of your search term. Example: ~assessment ~tests You'll get MORE results, however.

OR search

To find sites that include *either* of two terms, add OR between the terms. Example: to search for a vacation in either London or Whistler: vacation London OR Whistler

Domain search

You can search for within a specific website by entering the search terms you're looking for, followed by the word "site" and a colon followed by the domain name.

Examples: Clifford site:www.scholastic.com or site:edu or site:gov for educational or government sites

Phrase search

If you are looking for a phrase or group of words in a specific order, type them in “ “. Example: "common core professional development" or "common core resources for grade 5 teachers" (see error message if too detailed)

File Type

If you want a specific type of file, type filetype:PDF or similar term. Example: "common core" california filetype:PDF or "common core" california filetype:pptx

Near (works in Bing, sometimes in Google)

This will search for words near each other, usually about 16 words apart. Example: Greece near architecture would bring up Ancient Greek architecture or Ancient Greece – Art & Architecture, Architecture in Greece, etc.

Helpful links: If the image on the Bing homepage is distracting, access Bing through this link:

<http://www.bing.com/?rb=0> It replaces the image with a grey background.

Not sure if you prefer Google or Bing? Try this: <http://www.bingiton.com/>

Questions to Ask when Evaluating Internet Resources:

1. Who sponsors or has set up the page?
2. Where did the information come from and when was it last updated?
3. Do they provide evidence to support the points they are making?
4. Who suggested this site as a source? What link brought you to it?