

Google Search Like a Rock Star



DEFAULT Search Settings:

not caSe sensitive	capital letters are ignored
AND	All search terms are automatically combined together with AND
Word order	Put the most important words first
Truncation	Automatic – finds alternative endings for search terms
Compound words	Searches both the compound word and with a space between the words (

STOP Words: These are words that Google automatically ignores including articles (a, an, the), connectors (and, but, or [in all lowercase]), prepositions (of, on, in), questions (where, how, what, when), common to-be verbs, single digits and single letters (such as “I”) and other similar words.

OPTIONAL Search Settings:

		Example
Quotations (“”)	Use quotation marks to get exact words in exact order	“red line”
OR	Results include <i>either</i> search term; OR is <i>capitalized</i>	tiger OR tigger
Exclude (-)	Use –immediately before a word to exclude it from the search	tiger –cub (Keeps out tiger cubs from the search)
intitle:	Searches document titles only	intitle:tiger brings titles with ‘tiger’ in it
intext:	Searches within documents for the words	intext:tiger
filetype:	Limits search to a specific file type	filetype:pdf
site:	Search within a specific site for the search words	site:tuckerhs.dekalb.k12.ga.us searches the Tucker HS site only or site:.edu searches education domains
#..#	Search within a number range	temperature 72..82
define:	Define word or phrases for multiple sources	define:alt-right
+	Forces common words into the search	Spiderman +3 (this is the same as putting the entire thing in quotes “Spiderman 3”

