

Boolean Operators (to get you started)

Useful for expanding/narrowing search results. Not all operators will work with every search engine but most will identify which are compatible via an advanced searching menu.

" " Example: "mechanical engineering"

Usage: for phrase searching but may also keep a single word from changing formats. This is helpful for narrowing to results with an exact word or phrase.

- or NOT Example(s): -movie NOT movie

Usage: removes an unwanted word from search results which is helpful in narrowing results.

**+ or AND Examples(s): "job market" +outlook
"job market" AND outlook**

Usage: limits results to those containing both words. In this case the results would include only webpages containing both "job market" and outlook.

**| or OR Example(s): bilingual|multilingual
bilingual OR multilingual**

Usage: expands results to include websites having either term.

*** Example: linguist***

Usage: expands results to include webpages with variations of a word. In this case linguist, linguistics, etc.

Example: "this * endeavor"

Usage: As a wildcard. To replace unknown words or yield results using a variety of words.

~ Example: ~communication

Usage: to include synonyms of words.

**site: Example(s): site:.edu
site:pbs.org**

Usage: limits results to include information from certain websites or with specified domain endings. For the first example, only educational sites will

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be included in the results list. The second example narrows results to content from the pbs.org website.

related: **Example:** **related:usatoday.com**

Usage: to retrieve results similar to ones you already know. In this case, other news sites.

near **Example:** **bilingual near engineer**

Usage: to locate sources that contain two words that are in close proximity to each other.

in site: **Example:** **in site:nytimes.com**

Usage: to locate sources within a desired website.

filetype: **Example:** **filetype:pdf**

Usage: to limit to specific types of files.

inurl: **Example:** **inurl:library**

Usage: to limit to sites that contain a given word in the web address.

intitle: **Example:** **intitle:pollution**

Usage: to limit to sites that contain a word or words in the website title.