Other Ways to Search Google

Include Search: If a common word is essential to getting the results you want, you can include it by putting a "+" sign in front of it. (Be sure to include a space before the "+" sign.)

Synonym 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.

OR Searches: To find pages that include either of two search terms, add an uppercase OR between the terms.

Phrase Searches: Sometimes you'll only want results that include an exact phrase. In this case, simply put quotation marks around your search terms.

Negative Terms: If your search term has more than one meaning (bass, for example, could refer to fishing or music) you can focus your search by putting a minus sign ("-") in front of words related to the meaning you want to avoid.

Fill in the Blank: Sometimes the best way to ask a question is to get Google to ‘fill in the blank’ by adding an asterisk (*) at the part of the sentence or question that you want finished into the Google search box.

Definitions: To see a definition for a word or phrase, simply type the word "define" then a space, then the word (s) you want defined. To see a list of different definitions from various online sources, you can type "define:" followed by a word or phrase. Note that the results will define the entire phrase.