

Tips from EBD: Advancing Your Google Searches

Did you know that Google has an advanced search feature?! Go to the **Settings** at the bottom of the Google homepage to find it.



There are two main sections of the advanced search page; the search area for keywords and the limiters.

The search area for keywords is in the top half and looks like this:

Advanced Search

Find pages with...		To do this in the search box
all these words:	<input type="text"/>	Type the important words: tricolor rat terrier
this exact word or phrase:	<input type="text"/>	Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"
any of these words:	<input type="text"/>	Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard
none of these words:	<input type="text"/>	Put a minus sign just before words you don't want: -rodent, -"Jack Russell"
numbers ranging from:	<input type="text"/> to <input type="text"/>	Put 2 periods between the numbers and add a unit of measure: 10..35 lb, \$300..\$500, 2010..2011

The bottom portion of the advanced search screen can be utilized to limit your searches in a variety of different ways, such as language, region, and site domain, among others.

Then narrow your results
by...

language:	<input type="text" value="any language"/>
region:	<input type="text" value="any region"/>
last update:	<input type="text" value="anytime"/>
site or domain:	<input type="text"/>
terms appearing:	<input type="text" value="anywhere in the page"/>
SafeSearch:	<input type="text" value="Show most relevant results"/>
file type:	<input type="text" value="any format"/>
usage rights:	<input type="text" value="not filtered by license"/>

With this approach, you won't need to weed through 20,000 hits in your Google search, and you will have more of a concise search strategy.