



## Google Search Tips for the Technologically Frustrated:

Goal: Find what you are looking for in as few hits as possible.

- ✓ Limit search terms to 10
- ✓ Place most important terms first  
Example: history of curling vs. curling results Vancouver
- ✓ Utilize FAQ (frequently asked questions) in relation to a subject  
Example: depression –great seasonal FAQ site:edu
- ✓ Use quotation marks around words to search for an exact phrase  
Example: “tattoo removal”
- ✓ Use – (minus) sign to exclude a word from the search  
Example: Vikings -Minnesota
- ✓ Use site specific indicators  
Example: site:edu; site:org; site:gov etc.
- ✓ Use ~ (tilde) to look for synonyms of a word (place in front of the word)  
Example: ~marine life
- ✓ Do not ask questions (use Ask Jeeves search engine for that)
- ✓ Be as specific as possible

Other Points to Consider:

- \*Google does not always correct spelling, although it may offer a “Did you mean...”
- \*Spacing and capitalization affect results
- \*The Internet is in a constant state of flux, what is there today may be gone tomorrow

Other Search Engines & Database Options:

- [www.oslis.org](http://www.oslis.org) (highly recommended)
- <http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/> (curriculum and development)
- <http://libraryspot.com> (portal to endless links)
- <http://dewey.chs.chico.k12.ca.us/ref.html> (high school site with extensive links)



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