How to use

Google Australia

Effectively

"Better searches
Better results"

(Google, 2008)

Tips for using Google more effectively:

- **Keywords**: use keywords *not* full sentences

- **Exact phase with quotation marks** "": exact words in exact order.
  eg. "better searches, better results"

- **Exclude words** : put a minus (-) in front of words you want to exclude.
  eg. Phone –mobile

- Search within a **site**:
  eg. muse site:smh.com.au

- Fill in the blanks *****: treats asterisks as a place holder. **eg.** Rudd * reform finds hits on different Rudd reforms.

- **OR** : considers one or several words **eg.** Dogs OR cats will return hits with either one on the page.

- **+ Disables synonyms**: Google automatically searches for synonyms. By putting + immediately before the word it searches for the exact word.
  eg. +music

- **Ctrl F** : searches within a webpage

- **Similar words** : put ~ in front of words, *eg:* ~large guitar returns websites with words like *big* guitar, *enormous* guitar.

Explore Google Search

- **Define**: To find the definition of a word type define and then the word. *eg.* Define *plethora*

- **Unit conversion**: convert between many different units of measurement of height, weight, and volume etc. *eg.* 4lb *in* kg

- **Calculator**: enter the calculation you'd like done into the search box. *eg.* 5*9+(sqrt 10)/2

- **Currency conversion**:
  eg. 150 AUD *in* USD

- **Related search**: To search for web pages that have similar content to a given site, type *related:* followed by the website address into the Google search box.
  eg. related:www.smh.com.au

- **Weather**: type *weather* and the place *eg.* weather Wollongong

- **Map**: to search for a map, type map and the name of the place *eg.* map Thirroul

- **Time**: to find out the time around the world type time and then the place *eg.* Time London