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# Google search tricks and hacks

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How many times in a day you use Google for search? For me its more than 10 times in a hour of surfing. But not all the times we get the result we wanted. So here are the tips and tricks to use the Google search for more accurate results.

**Google Calculator:** Just enter the expression in the Google search box and press enter, the next page will show the result of that expression. Try searching for  $1542-182*2/5$  and see the result. **Wild card search:** When you place a wildcard character \* in your query, Google will try to replace that \* with the keywords that are relevant to the query. For example try searching for "Google \* tricks".

**Fuzzy Search:** Fuzzy search is type of search made by fuzzy matching. Google returns the results for even the relevant keywords for your query. For example when you search for ~music player, the Google search also looks for keywords like mp3 music, radio etc. **Number range:** If the thing you are searching for has something to do with numbers or number range, then this Google trick is just right for you. If you want to search for a music player having memory between 10 to 30 gb then search for this query "mp3 player 10..30 GB". The results will show you the information about mp3 players having memory between 10 to 30 GB. **Page title search:** The page title is the single most part of the page. The title depicts the content. You can search only in page titles using allintitle: before the query. Try searching for "allintitle:tricks". This query will return all the pages having the tricks keyword n their title. **Define Operator:** Google's define-operator allows you to look up word definitions. For example, [define:css] yields "Short for Cascading Style Sheets" and many more explanations. You can trigger a somewhat "softer" version of the define-operator by entering "what is something", e.g. [what is search]. **Quote Search:** A quote/phrase search can be written with both quotations ["like this"] as well as minus in-between words, [like-this]. **Backlinks Search:** Google allows you to find back links by using the link-operator, e.g. [link:yoursite.com] for this yoursite.com. **Synonyms Search:** You can find synonyms of words. E.g. when you search for [friend] but you want to find "pal" too, search for [~friend]. To get to know which synonyms the Google database stores for individual words, simply use the minus operator to exclude synonym after synonym (they will always show as bold in the SERPs, the search engine result pages). Like this: [~friend -pal -mate].