Everyday Essentials

Weather
To see the weather for many U.S. and worldwide cities, type "weather" followed by the city and state, U.S. zip code, or city and country.

Example: weather San Francisco, CA

Stock Quotes
To see current market data for a given company or fund, type the ticker symbol into the search box. On the results page, you can click the link to see more data from Google Finance.

Example: CSCO

Time
To see the time in many cities around the world, type "time" and the name of the city.

Example: time London

Reference Tools

Calculator
To use Google's built-in calculator function, simply enter the calculation you'd like done into the search box.

Example: 5*9+(sqrt 10)*3=

Book Search
If you're looking for results from Google Book Search, you can enter the name of the author or book title into the search box. Then, click on "Books" from the left-hand navigation to view book content. You can click through on the record to view more detailed info about that author or title.

Example: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Earthquakes
To see information about recent earthquakes in a specific area type "earthquake" followed by the city and state or U.S. zip code. For recent earthquake activity around the world simply type "earthquake" in the search box.

Example: earthquake

Sports Scores
To see scores and schedules for sports teams type the team name or league name into the search box. This is enabled for many leagues including the National Basketball Association, National Football League, National Hockey League, and Major League Baseball.

All sports data provided by STATS LLC

Example: san francisco 49ers

Sunrise & Sunset
To see the precise times of sunrises and sunsets for many U.S. and worldwide cities, type "sunrise" or "sunset" followed by the city name.

Example: sunrise New Orleans

Unit Conversion
You can use Google to convert between many different units of measurement of height, weight, and volume among many others. Just enter your desired conversion into the search box and we'll do the rest.

Example: 10.5 cm in inches

Public Data
To see trends for population and unemployment rates of U.S. states and counties, type "population" or "unemployment rate" followed by a state or county. You can click through to a page that lets you compare different locations.

Example: population FL

People Profiles
If you're looking for someone you just met or a long-lost friend, enter the name of that person plus some identifying words about him or her to see a list of people with that name.

Example: jon wiley
Choosing Keywords

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.

Example: ~fast food

Spell Checker
Google’s spell checking software automatically checks whether your query uses the most common spelling of a given word. If it thinks you’re likely to generate better results with an alternative spelling, it will ask “Did you mean: (more common spelling)?” Click the suggested spelling to launch a Google search for that term.

Example: explosion

Dictionary 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.

Example: Define philosophy

Local Search

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If you’re looking for a store, restaurant, or other local business you can search for the category of business and the location and we’ll return results right on the page, along with a map, reviews, and contact information.

Example: Italian food 02138

Movie Showtimes
To find reviews and showtimes for movies playing near you, type “movies” or the name of a current film into the Google search box. If you’ve already saved your location on a previous search, the top search result will display showtimes for nearby theaters for the movie you’ve chosen.

Example: movies 94705

Health Search

Health Conditions
To see information about a common disease or symptom, enter it into the search box and we’ll return the beginning of an expert summary. You can click through to read the entire article.

Example: asthma

Suicide Prevention
You can quickly find the phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) by entering “suicide prevention” or similar phrases into the search box.

Example: suicide prevention

Medications
To see information about most generic and brand name prescription drugs in the U.S., enter the drug name into the search box, and we’ll display a summary and description of that medication. You can click through links from the National Institutes of Health to get more information about side effects, how to take the medication, precautions, dietary instructions, and what to do if you miss a dose.

Example: Ambien

Flu Vaccine Finder
During flu season, search for “flu” to find tips on how to stay healthy from U.S. Health and Human Services and a flu shot locator which uses Google Maps to show you nearby locations offering seasonal and/or H1N1 flu vaccine.

Example: flu

Poison Control
You can quickly find the U.S. poison control hotline (1-800-222-1222) by entering “poison control” or similar phrases into the search box.

Example: poison control
Trip Planning

Flight Tracking
To see flight status for arriving and departing U.S. flights, type in the name of the airline and the flight number into the search box.

Example: american airlines 18  Search

Currency Conversion
To use our built-in currency converter, simply enter the conversion you’d like done into the Google search box and we’ll provide your answer directly on the results page.

Example: 150 GBP in USD  Search

Flight Schedules
To see flight schedules to or from a particular destination, type “flights from” or “flights to” followed by the city or airport of interest. You can also add another location with “to” or “from” and view the schedule for a specific route.

Flight schedule data is provided by OAG and QuickTrip by Innovata.

Example: flights from denver to chicago  Search

Maps
Looking for a map? Type in the name or U.S. zip code of a location and the word “map” and we’ll return a map of that location. Clicking on the map will take you to a larger version on Google Maps.

Example: Seattle map  Search

Query Refinements

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.

Example: related:www.cnn.com  Search

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.

Example: Isaac Newton discovered *  Search

Search by Number

Package Tracking
You can track packages by typing the tracking number for your UPS, FedEx or USPS package directly into the search box. We’ll return results that include quick links to easily track the status of your shipment.

Example: 1Z9999W99999999999  Search

Patent Numbers
To search for U.S. patents, enter the word “patent” followed by the patent number into the Google search box and hit the Enter key or click the Google Search button.

Example: Patent 5123123  Search