

# Better Google Searching

## Standard Search

Dust bowl (108 million results.)

## Exclude words from your search

Put - in front of a word you want to leave out. For example, dust bowl -California (74 million results)

## Search for an exact match

Put a word or phrase inside quotes. "dust bowl". (5 million results)

## Search for an exact match with an excluded word

"dust bowl" -California (4 million results)

## Search for a specific site

Put site: in front of a site dust bowl site:history.com (243 results)

Search for an exact match on a specific site "dust bowl" site:history.com (194 results)

## Search for a specific domain or extension

Put site: in front of a site, but list only an extension after the : dust bowl site:.gov (103,000 results)

Search for an exact match on a specific site "dust bowl" site:.gov (25,000 results)

## Use AND

Includes both search items and only finds sites that include **both** search items

Dust bowl	(108 million results)
Dorothea Lange	(12 million results)
Dust bowl Dorothea Lange	(328,000 results)
Dust bowl AND Dorothea Lange	(282,000 results)
"Dust bowl" Dorothea Lange	(266,000 results)
"Dust bowl" AND Dorothea Lange	(244,000 results)
"Dust bowl" AND "Dorothea Lange"	(219,000 results)
"Dust bowl" AND "Dorothea Lange" site:.gov	(547 results)

## What do different Internet extensions mean and why is it important

.com - most commonly used, originally stood for commercial

.gov - used for government websites

.org - mainly used for non-profit organizations and schools

.edu - mainly used by educational institutions - usually colleges or universities

Knowing the uses of the extensions can help lead to better search with more reliable results.