UVic Senior’s Program:
How to Use Google

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Senior’s Program website: http://www.csc.uvic.ca/Outreach/csvp.htm
Navigate to Google website

Search and address bar

Click after typing to search

Searches and takes you to first result

Select keywords to search with

One “hit,” or site, that matched your keyword

Site name

Site address

Search results rank in order of relevance (more relevant results are placed near top)
Tips to select keywords:

1. Use words that are likely to appear on page: *pastry recipes*
2. Avoid using long questions: *window cleaning* instead of *how do you clean a window?*
3. Add more keywords to narrow down your search: if *tangerine* is too vague, try *tangerine bank* or *tangerine fruit*
4. Try to be short and concise: *best selling books* instead of *best books that were the most popular recently*
5. Choose words carefully; rephrase if necessary: *backache* instead of *my back hurts*
6. Don’t worry about little things:
   a. Spelling – Google will guess what you meant and use that to search:

   Showing results for *macbook screen*
   Search instead for *makbook sren*

   b. Capitalization – Google ignores capitals:
      Searching using *New York Times* is the same as using *new york times*

7. Use Google to find quick answers: Google will show you the answer in the search results
   a. Weather: search for *weather* to see weather for your city:

   b. Dictionary: use *define* in front of any word to look it up

   google
   /ˈgōg(ə)/

   verb
   search for information about (someone or something) on the Internet using the search engine Google.
   "I recently googled my 7th grade teacher and found his current e-mail address"
c. Calculations: type in a math equation like $2 + 5 \times 7 / 11$

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\text{Rad} \quad \text{sin} \quad \text{ln} \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad \text{AC} \\
\text{Inv} \quad \text{cos} \quad \log \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad \text{×} \\
\text{tan} \quad \sqrt{} \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad \text{−} \\
\text{Ans} \quad \text{EXP} \quad x^2 \quad 0 \quad . \quad \text{=} \\
\end{array}
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d. Conversions: use symbols (km) or names (kilometer) for currency, units, etc.

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{Mass} \\
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55 \quad = \quad 121.254 \\
\text{Kilogram} \quad \text{Pound} \\
\end{array}
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e. Sports: search for a team name to see a schedule, scores, etc.

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\text{Vancouver Canucks} \\
48-29-8, 2nd in Pacific Division \\
Scores & Schedule
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- Wed, Oct 7 @ Flames 7:00 PM
- Sat, Oct 10 vs Flames 7:00 PM
- Mon, Oct 12 @ Ducks 7:00 PM

All times are in Pacific Time

f. Quick facts: Search for celebrity, location, song, or movie to find information

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\text{Interstellar} \\
2014 film
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- ★★★★★ 8.7/10 - IMDb
- ★★★★★★ 72% - Rotten Tomatoes
- ★★★★★ 74% - Metacritic

In Earth's future, a global crop blight and second Dust Bowl are slowly rendering the planet uninhabitable. Professor Brand (Michael Caine), a brilliant NASA physicist, is working on plans to save mankind by transporting Earth's population to a new home via a wormhole. But first, Brand must send for...

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Release date: November 7, 2014 (Canada)
Director: Christopher Nolan
Running time: 2h 49m
Initial DVD release: March 30, 2015 (United Kingdom)
Awards: Academy Award for Best Visual Effects, more
Search for different materials (images, news articles, maps, and more)

Popular websites are listed first

If the relevant result is a location, it finds it on a map

Quick facts

A variety of different results to search for