

# The Search Engine that Could:

## A Guide on Search Operators



When searching for sources online, use search operators with your keywords to get more relevant results. Each search engine (Google, Bing, Yahoo!, etc.) will yield different results based on their own distinctive algorithms. It can be helpful to use more than one during your search.

Search operators	Example	Results
site:	site:.gov Huracán María site:80grados.net Huracán María	Search for specific domains or in specific websites for your key words. The examples here will get results from only .gov sites and from only 80 grados.net.
" "	"Huracán María"	Search for an exact phrase by enclosing your key words in quotation marks.
-	Huracán -María	Exclude words in your search that keep coming up. Results will contain "Huracán" but not "María".
+	Huracán +María	Make sure your search includes a term by adding a positive sign before it. Results must contain "María" but may not include "Huracán".
*	The aftermath of Hurricane Maria in*	If a term is forgotten, use the asterisk as a placeholder for that word. Results will include all phrases that start with "The aftermath of Hurricane Maria in".
OR	Hurricane Maria OR Irma	Results will contain sites that contain "Hurricane Maria" or "Hurricane Irma".
AND	Hurricane Maria AND blue tarps	Results will contain sites that contain "Hurricane Maria" directly followed by "blue tarps".
NEAR	Hurricane Maria NEAR blue tarps	The NEAR operator is similar to AND, but it allows a range of 16 words between each term.