

# 5 Google Search Features You Haven't Been Using

Someone "googled" a list of google search features you might not know.

- 1. Hyphen searches:** If you put a hyphen in front of a word, it excludes results with that word. The example Google gives is the phrase "jaguar speed," followed by a hyphen and the word "car". "jaguar speed-car" So, how fast the animal is, not the car.
- 2. Tildes:** They're the wavy dash thing. If you put one in front of a word, it also searches for synonyms of that word. So something like "music classes" . . . with a tilde in front of "classes" . . . will also look for music "lessons" and music "coaching."
- 3. Searching specific sites:** Start with the word "site", then a colon, and the URL for the site you want to search. For example, site:lukebryan.com trivia
- 4. Searching for different file types:** There's a dedicated "image search" button, but you can also specifically search for things like PDFs and MP3s. Just start your search with "filetype", followed by a colon. Filetype:
- 5. Asterisks:** If you don't know a word, put an asterisk in there. It's useful if you don't know the name of a song but know SOME of the lyrics. For example, " I blew out my flip [asterisk] stepped on a pop [asterisk]" is vague.

But Google knows you probably mean "I blew out my flip-flop stepped on a pop-top" from the Jimmy Buffet song "Margaritaville".