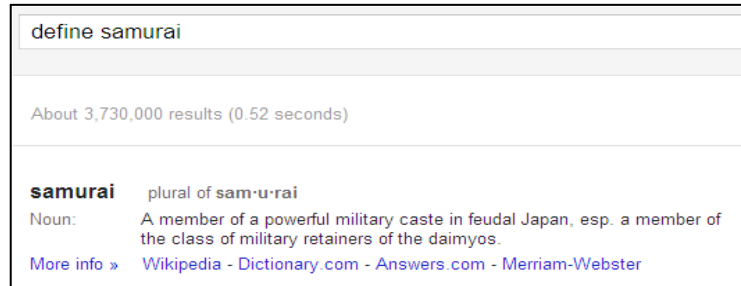# Google Goodies

Google is awesome! Everyone has "Googled" a person, place, or thing sometime or another. Here are a few tricks to help make your Google experience a little easier.

Definitions

Pull up the definition of a word by typing the word **define** followed by the word you want to define. Example: **define samurai** brings up the definition of samurai along with related links.
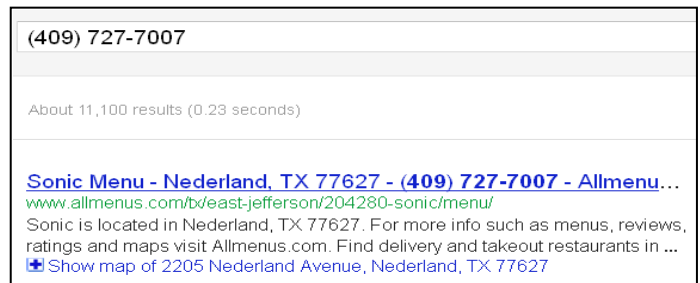
Maps

Click on **Maps** at the top of the Google screen and enter the area you want to search along with the keyword of the place you want to find. For example: **San Marcos, TX restaurant**s will display restaurants in that area.

Phone Number Lookup

Do you have a phone number of a place but don't know where it's located? Enter a full phone number with area code to display the name and address associated with that phone number. Click on **Maps** at the top of the page to display a local map with that place pinpointed.
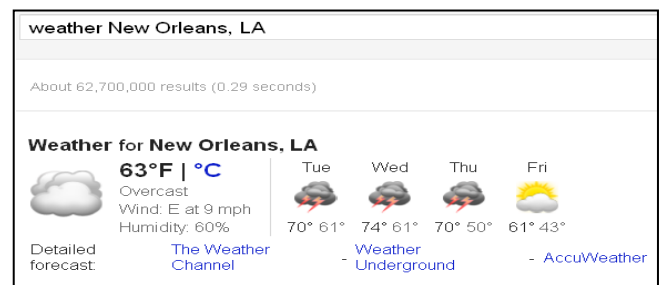

Weather

Headed out of town? Type the word **weather** followed by a **zip code** or **city** and **state** to display the current weather conditions in that area plus a few days ahead. For example: **weather New Orleans, LA** will display the current weather in New Orleans. There are also links for weather Web sites.

Movies

Type the word **movies** followed by a **zip code** or **city** and **state** to display links for show times for movies in that area. Example: **movies 77627** will give a list of movies. Click on the movie to reveal where the movie is playing and what time.

Track Airline Flights and Packages

Enter the airline and flight number to display the status of a flight and arrival time. Example: Pan Am 123

Google can also give a direct link to package tracking information if you enter a **UPS**, **FedEx**, or **USPS tracking number**.

Translate

You can translate text or a full web page to another language by using the Google Translator. Up at the top click the dropdown menu next to **More** and choose **Translator**.

Find PDF only Results

Add **filetype:** to your search to display results that only match a certain file type. If you wanted to locate a user's manual in **PDF** form you could type the item followed by **filetype:pdf**. Example: **Dell1201mp filetype:pdf** and press Enter. Most of the results are PDF's instead of tons of Web sites regarding the Dell1201mp projector. **Try this for your remote control at home!!**

Calculator

Use Google Search as a calculator by typing a math problem in the search bar. Add (+), Subtract (-), Multiply (*), and Divide (/), % of a number, cos(), sin (), AND conversions are easy! Examples: **25% of 120 = 30; miles to KM: 1 mile + 1.609344 km**

Stocks

You can get a stock quote, chart, and other information by typing the stock symbol in your Google Search bar. Example: **msft** will display the stock information for **Microsoft**.

Titles

You can find words in the title of a Web page by typing the word **intitle** immediately followed by a colon sign and the word with no spaces. Example: **intitle:Love**

Set of Words

Type in a specific set of words by placing quotation marks around the text and those words will be shown together. Example: **"Less is more"**

Feeling Advanced?

Go to the **Google** Home page and click on the gear in the upper right hand corner. Click on **Advanced Search**. Look for **Need more tools?**

Use the form below and your advanced search will appear here

Find web pages that have...

all these words:

this exact wording or phrase:

one or more of these words: OR

But don't show pages that have...

any of these unwanted words:

Need more tools?

Reading level:	no reading level displayed
Results per page:	10 results
Language:	any language
File type:	any format
Search within a site or domain:	

(e.g. youtube.com, .edu)

+ Date, usage rights, region, and more

Advanced Search

Reading level: You can change the reading level from **basic** to **intermediate** to **advanced**.

Filetype: If you click on that drop down, you can look for certain kinds of files like **PDF**, **PowerPoint**, **Excel**, etc.

Click **Advanced Search** and the results will only be the exact reading level and/or file type you have chosen.

Good luck with all of your Google searches!