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## Use operators

Operators are symbols or terms you can use to tell the search engine what to include or exclude from your search. Some common operators are:

Quotation marks – tells the search engine to search for exactly what is written in the quotation marks

- Try these two searches and compare the results:

give me the man who living

“give me the man who living”

The word OR – tells the search engine to look for any of the individual words in the search phrase

- Try these two searches and compare the results:

dog cat

dog OR cat

Minus sign – tells the search engine to exclude results associated with the term after the minus

- Try these two searches and compare the results:

zebra images

zebra images -zoo

\* NOTE: There should be no space between the minus sign and the word following it

## Conclusion

All of these tips will help you in your search for environmental issues in the world, your community and your school. Keep these in mind as you work on your Eco Diary project and as you research topics in the future for other classes.