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Google for academic research

Part 6: More search techniques

To force an exact match and inclusion of a term in search, prefix the term with **intext**:

- e.g. research methods intext:qualitative
- e.g. “university of oxford” (works with phrases)

Use **Verbatim** to do an exact search

- Tools > All Results
 - Occasionally this doesn't quite work, nothing in Google is completely reliable!

Google – NOT or minus

Google does not recognise NOT, but you can use the **minus** sign “-” to exclude terms:

- e.g. -quantitative

Think about file formats

- Pdf
 - For research papers, lengthy documents, government reports, industry papers
- ppt or pptx
 - For presentations, tracking down an expert on a topic
- xls or xlsx
 - For spreadsheets containing data

e.g. inclusive education” research filetype:pdf

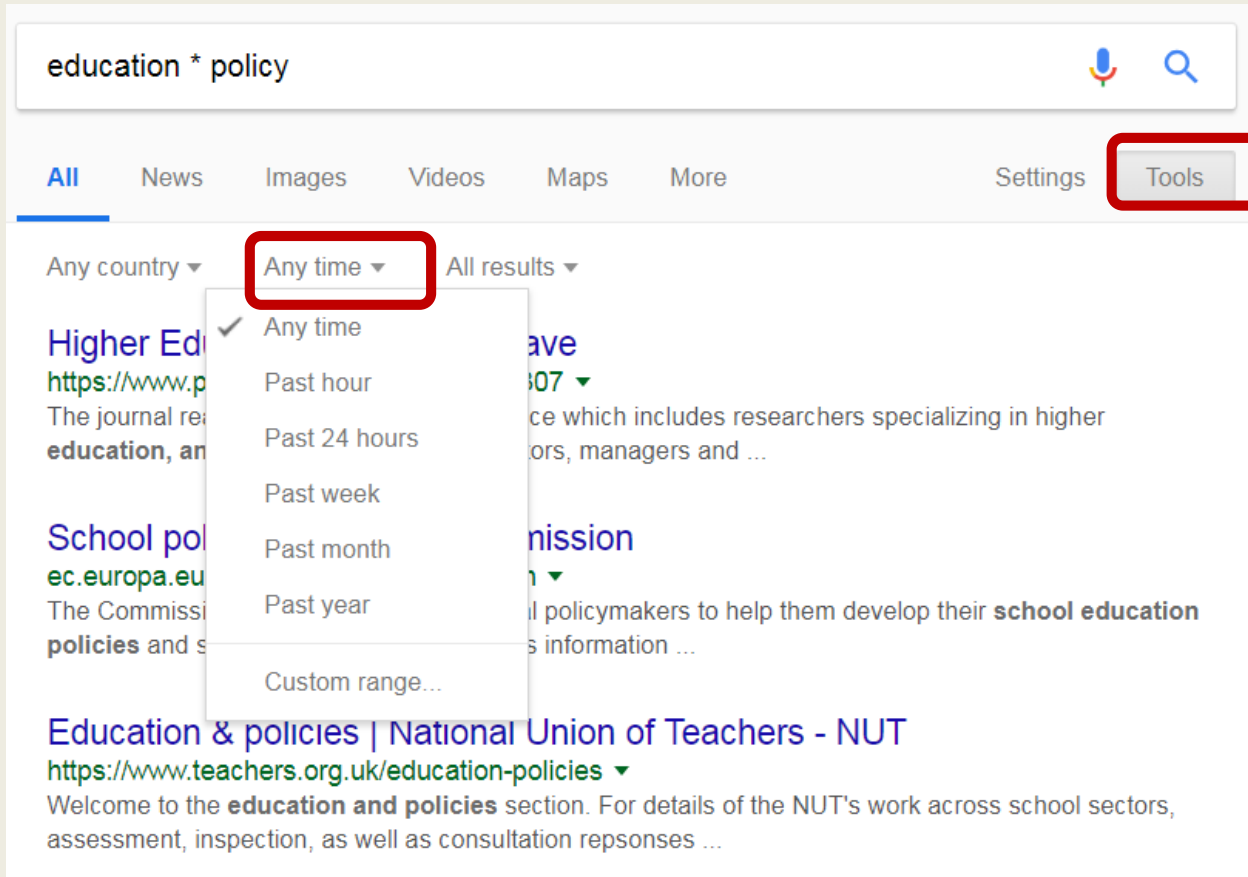
For searching large websites, or groups of sites by type for example: government, NHS, academic, use the **site:** command:

- e.g. agricultural occupational asthma UK site:nhs.uk
- agricultural occupational asthma UK site:gov.uk
- agricultural occupational asthma UK site:www.gov.uk

You can also exclude sites using a minus sign

- e.g. agricultural occupational asthma UK
site:gov.uk –site:hse.gov.uk

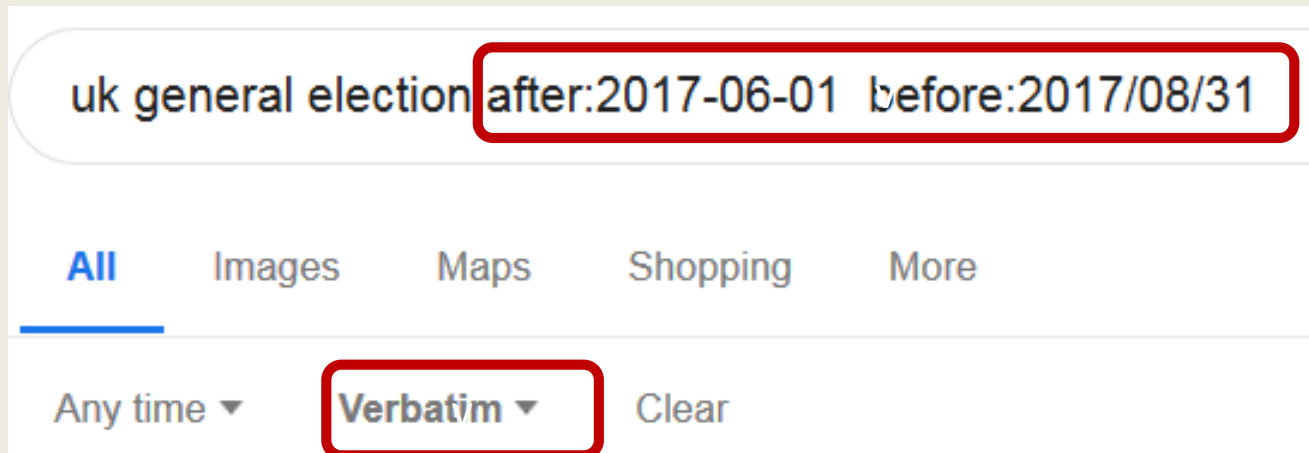
N.B. **site:** does not work with web archives such as <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/webarchive/>



The screenshot shows a Google search for "education * policy". The search bar is at the top, and the search results are displayed below. The "Tools" button is highlighted with a red box. The "Any time" filter is also highlighted with a red box, and its dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Any time", "Past hour", "Past 24 hours", "Past week", "Past month", "Past year", and "Custom range...". The search results include links to "Higher Education", "School policies", and "Education & policies | National Union of Teachers - NUT".

Restrict your results to information that has been published within the last hour, day, week, month, year or your own date range

Does **not** work with Verbatim



uk general election after:2017-06-01 before:2017/08/31

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Any time ▾ Verbatim ▾ Clear

Choose to search for results before or after a certain date. Use format YEAR/MONTH/DATE

Does work with Verbatim