**Worksheet**

**What is your research question?**

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*For each of the following exercises, modify your original research question accordingly.*

**Type your research question into Google. Are the results relevant and useful?**

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**Repeat one of your search terms at least three times. What effect does this have on your results?**

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**Add quotation marks (if appropriate). What effect does this have on your results?**

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**Use a ‘-‘ to eliminate a search term. What effect does this have on your results?**

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**Use ‘Verbatim’ to force Google to use all of your search terms. What effect does this have on your results?**

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**Use \* to stand in for one of more words. What effect does this have on your results?**

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**Use ‘intitle:’ to specify that a search term must appear in the title of the results.**

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**Use ‘filetype:pdf’ to specify that all results should be PDFs.**

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**Use ‘site:gov.uk’ to search for documents and pages published on UK Government sites.**

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**Restrict the date range to search only for results indexed by Google in the last month.**

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**Use all of the above techniques at the same time! What effect does *this* have on your results?**

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