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proper noun

Google is a popular Internet search engine. It scans the Web to find Web pages that are relevant to the words you have typed in the search box.

[trademark]

• A search on Google for "free ring tones" yields more than a million sites.

Google (ˈguːɡəl)

Word Frequency



noun trademark

1. a popular search engine on the internet

verb (without a cap)

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3. to check (the credentials of someone) by searching for websites containing his or her name

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Word origin of 'Google'

C20: a play on GOOGOL

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Trends of 'Google'

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1877 1903 1929 1955 1981 2007 Years Recorded Usage

Translations for 'Google'

British English : google /'gu:gl/ VERB

If you *google* someone or something, you search the Internet for information about them, especially using the website Google®.

• *I googled `cheap flights to Beijing`.*

Arabic : يَبْحَثُ عَلَى مَوْجِعِ جُوجِلْ

Brazilian Portuguese : pesquisar usando o Google

Chinese : 谷歌

Croatian : guglati

Czech : vyhledat *vyhledávatna internetu*

Danish : google

Dutch : Googlen®

European Spanish : buscar en Google

Finnish : googlettaa

French : chercher sur Google

German : googeln

Greek : κάνω αναζήτηση στο Google®

Italian : cercare con Google®

Japanese : グーグル®で調べる

Korean : 구글

Norwegian : google

Polish : Google®

Portuguese : pesquisar usando o Google

Romanian : a căuta pe Google

Russian : искать в Интернете с помощью Google®

Spanish : buscar en Google

Swedish : googla

Thai : หาข้อมูลบนอินเทอร์เน็ต

Turkish : Google

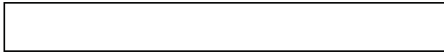
Ukrainian : шукати в Інтернеті

Vietnamese : tìm trên mạng Google

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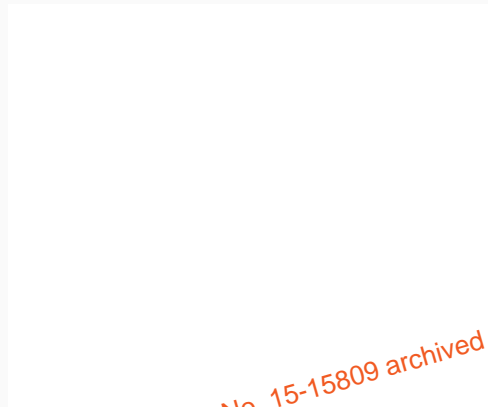
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Trademark.

1. the brand name of a leading Internet search engine, founded in 1998.

verb (used with object), **Googled**, **Googling**.

2. (*often lowercase*) to search the Internet for information about (a person, topic, etc.):
We googled the new applicant to check her background.

verb (used without object), **Googled**, **Googling**.

3. (*often lowercase*) to use a search engine such as Google to find information, a website address, etc., on the Internet.

Origin of Google



1998

First recorded in 1998; after mathematical term [googol](#)

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Can be confused



[goggle](#), **Google**, [googol](#).

Word story



Founded in 1998, the website Google.com has become such an institution that in its short existence, it has changed not only the way we process the endless data found on the information superhighway, but also the way we think and talk



Related Quotations



"Google has come to represent all our hopes, dreams, and fears about the disruptive promise and dangers of the Internet."

—Rob Hof, "Is Google Too Powerful?" *Bloomberg Businessweek* (April 9, 2007)

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"Google's uncorporate slogan—'Don't be evil'—appeals to Americans who embrace underdogs."

—Ken Auletta, *Googled: The End of the World As We Know It* (2009)

"Show us a man or woman who's never Googled an ex, and we'll show you someone without an Internet connection."

—Em & Lo, "You, Again: Reconnecting with the ex is a dicey proposition" *New York* (September 24, 2006)

"I know nothing about this man, except for what I Googled."

—Irene Zutell, *Pieces of Happily Ever After* (2009)

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This is the age of satellites and radars and *Google* Earth, of cellphone cameras (and cellphone towers) and IP addresses.

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I nearly broke *Google* searching for more images of this Pippa girl and her incredible ass.

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Tom Sykes



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Contemporary definitions for Google

verb

to search for information on the Internet, esp. using the Google search engine

Examples

We googled to find the definition of the new word.

Word Origin

trademark Google

Usage Note

googling *n*

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v.
"to search (something) on the Google search engine," 2000 (*do a google on* was used by 1999). The domain google.com was registered in 1997. A verb *google* was an early 20c. cricket term in reference to a type of breaking ball.

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