

A QUICK GUIDE TO

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SEARCH COACH



WHAT IS SEARCH COACH?

Search Coach is a free tool that helps develop information literacy skills. Students receive real-time search query coaching, reliability ratings, and interactive filtering support that helps them learn to discern fact from fiction on the web.

SAFE SEARCH

Search Coach comes with Microsoft Bing SafeSearch on "Strict" by default, blocking out most unwanted or potentially harmful content.

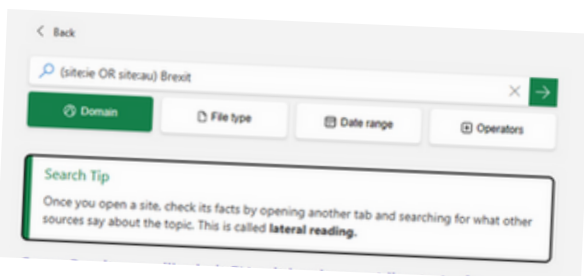


The simple and intuitive user interface, free from adverts, makes it easy for you to focus on the task at hand.

COACHING TIPS

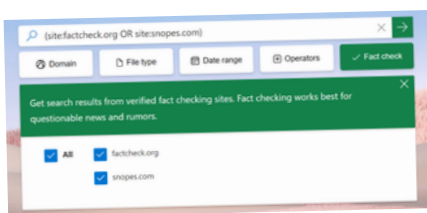
Search Coach returns a coaching tip above the results to improve your information literacy with each query.

Tips are sometimes triggered by a specific behaviour (for example, using biased language in their search) and sometimes provide more general guidance.



FACT CHECK

Under the fifth filter button, a set of objective fact check sites appear. This allows you to verify the truth/accuracy of the information you are reading.

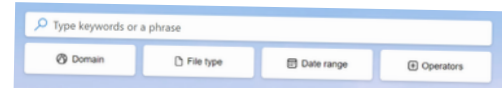


DOMAIN SEARCH

Domains indicate the type of website you are on. In Search Coach, you can filter searches by common domains including:

- .com (commercial)
- .org (organizations, mostly non-profits)
- .edu (higher education)
- .gov (government)

You can use country and regional domains, allowing you to focus searches on sites from a particular geographic area.



READING PREFERENCES

File type

Learners use the File type filter to find certain types of files in a search, such as PDFs, PowerPoint presentations, or Word documents.



Date range

This tool filters results by how recently a page was discovered by Bing, helping you narrow down sources discovered in the past 24 hours, week, month, year, or within a custom set date range.



OPERATORS

Operators help make a search more specific. Use the commands in bold.

OR broadens a search to include additional information. **NOT** narrows searches by excluding terms that aren't needed.

AND narrows searches by ensuring all keywords are present in the results.

Quotation marks (" ") return results containing an exact match of a phrase.

WHERE CAN I USE SEARCH COACH?



ACCELERATE LEARNING WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS:
FIND ADDITIONAL QUICK GUIDES TO GET STARTED