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

Google – file types

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
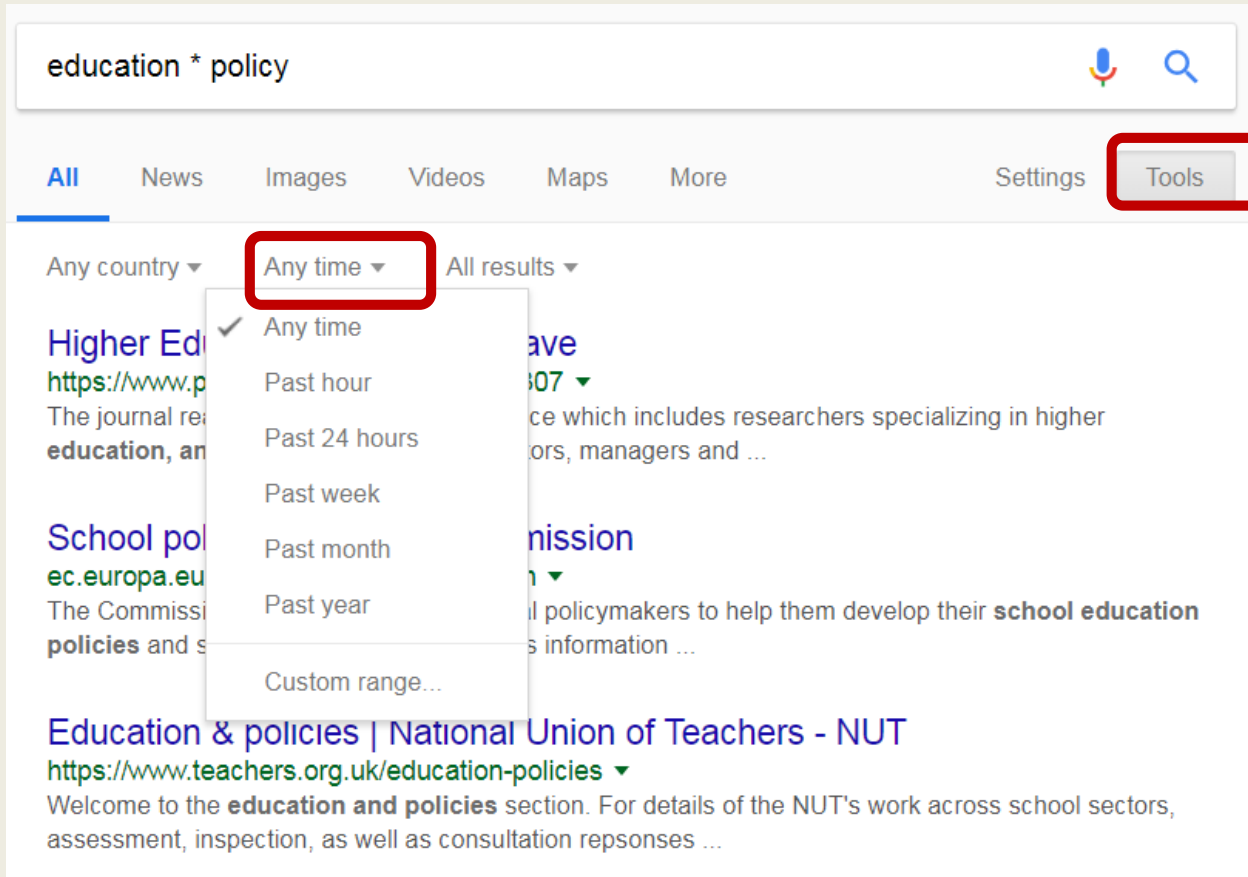
e.g. inclusive education" research filetype:pdf

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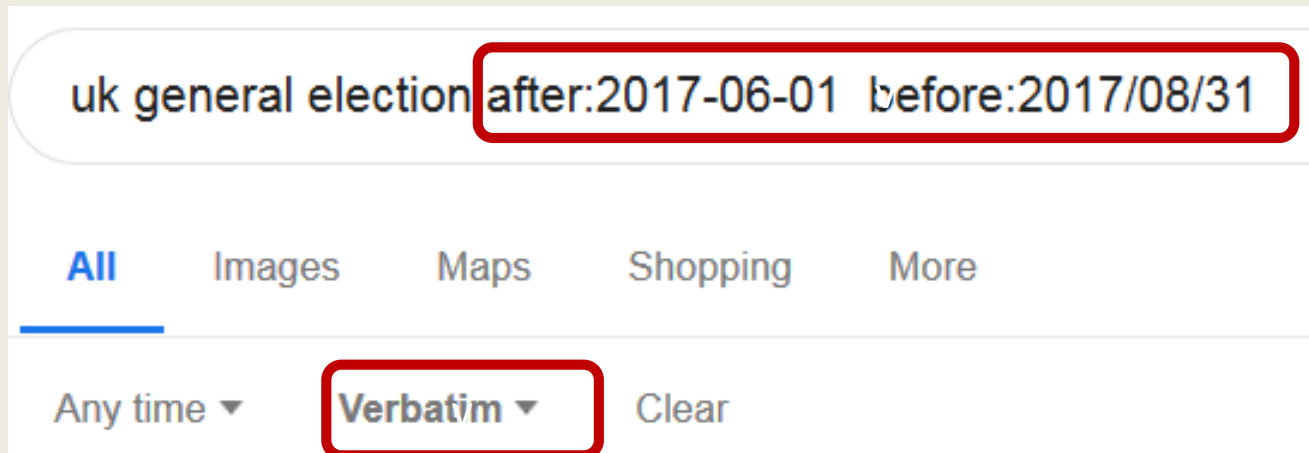- e.g. agricultural occupational asthma UK site:gov.uk –site:hse.gov.uk

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

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

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

Does work with Verbatim