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## Using Quotation Marks (Phrase Search)

Computers have a difficult time understanding human speech, especially when they have two or more words to work with. When you type two or more words for a search, the computer has to decide:

- if you want to see results where the two words are right next to each other, or if the words can be separated by other words.
- if you want to see results where *all* the words appear in the Web-site description, or do you want to see results if it has only one of the words.

To help the computer understand what you want in your results, you can use quotation marks to create a phrase with your words. When you put quotation marks at the beginning of your words and at the end of your words, the computer puts those words together in a phrase. The computer will then look for those two words **together** in that exact order.

Let's try a phrase search to see the difference.

Use [www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com) for your search.

Type in the search words: **miami dolphin**

	Number of Categories	Number of Sites
Search exactly as written: <b>miami dolphin</b>		
<a href="http://www.yahooligans.com">www.yahooligans.com</a>		
Type them as a phrase: <b>"miami dolphins"</b>		
<a href="http://www.yahooligans.com">www.yahooligans.com</a>		
Search exactly as written: <b>george bush</b>		
<a href="http://www.yahooligans.com">www.yahooligans.com</a>		
Type them as a phrase: <b>"george bush"</b>		
<a href="http://www.yahooligans.com">www.yahooligans.com</a>		