

Search Tips Guide

Helping you find the perfect images for your project is our priority. That's why the new corbisimages.com comes with several refinement tools to make your search experience faster and easier.

Typing Your Query

AutoComplete This feature will display a list of suggested keywords and phrases when you begin typing in the search field. If you want to turn off AutoComplete, open "Display Options" on the search results page and uncheck "AutoComplete."

Asterisks If you prefer not to use AutoComplete, using an asterisk will help you find variations in word endings. For example, roller* matches roller-skating, roller coaster, etcetera. The asterisk also works for years if you're unsure of the exact date (e.g. 198*).

Not Use "not" or a minus sign (-) followed by an undesired element to eliminate unwanted images from your search results (e.g. dinner parties not children; dinner parties -children).

And Use "and", a comma (,), or a plus sign (+) to find images that meet all your criteria (e.g. laptop and young woman; laptop, young woman; laptop +young woman). This usually provides fewer results because you must have all concepts represented in the image.

Or Use "or" between keywords for broader or more varied results. Each image will satisfy at least one of your criteria (e.g. cars or trucks) compared to the use of AND you'll get more results this way.

Quotes Use quotation marks around proper nouns or phrases to specify exact matches. For example, "Michael Jackson" will retrieve only images of the famous singer, not various people named Michael that also have the keyword Jackson on it, such as a location in Wyoming, USA.

Sample Categories

Ages By typing the keyword "age" in the search field, you'll immediately see a preliminary list of some of our age categories. Click on the one appropriate to your search, or type in more specific age ranges (e.g. 60-65 or middle aged).

Concepts This is a helpful keyword to use when your search calls for images that convey ideas (e.g. challenge, bizarre, innovative, or creativity). Pair "concept" with the idea you're searching for to get the most relevant results.

Ethnicity Some of the most popular keywords include African-American, Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, and Latino. You may also pair any of these with the keyword “ethnicity.”

Image Formats

Close-up Using “close-up” (and related variations like closeup and close-ups) will return subjects that are photographed at a close range.

Cutouts The keyword “cutouts” will return images of objects or people photographed on solid backgrounds that can be easily “cut out” by a graphic designer. The subject is usually full length.

Eye Contact Use this keyword for models looking directly into the camera. For candid shots, use “not eye contact” or “-eye contact.”

Full-Length Using this keyword will return images of people or things photographed in their entirety.

Head shots Used to search for head-and-shoulders, close-up portraits.

Personal Perspective Use this keyword to find photos that give the impression that the viewer is actively engaged with the image, by either participating in the pictured activity or interacting with the model(s).

Vanishing Point Use this keyword to search for empty roads that vanish into the horizon, or any images that contain a point in the distance at which parallel lines appear to converge.

View Type “view” into the search field and you’ll immediately see a list of perspective options (e.g. view from above, view from below, and view from behind). You can also search for side view, back view, front view, top view, three-quarter view, and aerial view.

Image Content

Indoors/Outdoors Use these keywords instead of “inside” or “outside.”

Nobody Use the keyword “nobody” for images with no people in the frame. The “No People” button in the “Refine search” menu will produce the same results.

Similar Images In the row of icons beneath each image on a search results page, clicking on the “View Related Images” icon will open up a new window containing images from the same photo shoot — helpful when searching for the same model(s) or setting.

Urban Scenes Use this keyword for shots of city life (which is also a keyword) ranging from aerials to street-level perspectives.