

# Help Mr. Sovel with his Holiday Plans.

Here are a number of items and pieces of information that Mr. Sovel need to help him put together his Holiday Plans. Your task is to help him narrow down his search for 10 of the items on his list, using the search site ALTAVISTA

For example, if you had chosen the item **chocolate chip cookie recipes**:

Item	Modification	Hit ENTER	Number of results
chocolate chip cookie recipe			23,094
	“chocolate chip cookies recipe”		2,252
	-nuts		1,859
	-nut*		1,430
	+white		241
	+fatfree		5

now check to make sure at least one of the sites actually has what you are looking for.

http://

Directions:

- Choose and item from Mr. Sovel’s list
- Go to [www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)
- Enter the item
- Notice the number of results  
[sometimes you must scroll down a couple of inches, to get below the “sponsored results”]
- Modify your search, hit ENTER and note the number of results  
BE SURE to enter this info on the tracking table [see example above]  
HINT: scroll down the list and see if there is an obvious word or phrase to eliminate
- Continue until you feel you have the most reasonable list and lowest number of results for Mr. Sovel to choose from
- BE SURE to check at least one of your final result sites to make sure that what you are searching for is actually there
- Write down this Internet address
- CHOOSE another item and repeat this process

**Hints: + = AND**

**- = NOT**

**“ For a Phrase”**

# Holiday Plans List

1. 1950 Chevy picture
2. the song Jingle Bells
3. the video of Song of the South
4. Casa Grande High School
5. a Christmas tree that is alive
6. Angel ornaments for my daughter's Christmas Tree
7. The Beatle poster of *A Hard Day Night*
8. For my student's to finish their homework over the break
9. Where and when I can go with my grandson, to see the new *Harry Potter* movie
10. Take my grandson to play miniature golf
11. Order a take-out pizza
12. purchase a used CD of holiday music
13. Find out the history of customs about Christmas trees

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