

## *Speaking of Speech.com.....*

Hopefully, you are aware that the message boards are searchable. There is a search box on each message board that will find all of the messages on that particular board that contain the key word you type in.

Now, I'm pleased to announce some very exciting news. The Materials Exchange and other content pages of SOS.com are now searchable! Really!! I had tried to make this happen on the old site, but was plagued by glitches. Now that the site is on a new server, you can easily search for materials, lesson plans, and data forms through a special Google search feature. (Thanks, Google!) Here's how to do it:

1. Go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com).
2. Click on Advanced Search (small print on the right of the search box).
3. When the Advanced Search window appears, type your key word in the box labeled "all these words." (Leave other boxes blank).
4. Skip down to "Search within a site or domain" and type in "www.speakingofspeech.com."
5. Hit the "Advanced Search" button.

If you had typed "Halloween" in the "all these words" field, and filled in "www.speakingofspeech.com" in the "Search within a site or domain" field -- VOILA! -- all of the materials that have "Halloween" in the title or description would appear in a Google list. Click on the desired material(s) to access and print! How cool is that?!

If you want to take an even shorter route to the advanced search, in the URL or search field of Google, type all on one line:

- \* the topic word that you are searching for
- \* space
- \* site:[www.speakingofspeech.com](http://www.speakingofspeech.com)

For example: [halloween site:www.speakingofspeech.com](http://halloween.site:www.speakingofspeech.com)

Hit return and -- VOILA! -- the list of materials with your key word in the title or description appear in a list. Click on the desired material(s) to access and print.

So there you go -- two ways to search for materials on Speaking of Speech.com! Life just keeps getting better and better..... :-)

(That being said, we must always be aware that there are differences between computers and browsers. I've tested this over and over on my MAC using both Safari and Firefox -- great results, no glitches. I hope it works for you! Make sure, regardless of system or browser, that you have opened Google before beginning your search).

Enjoy!

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