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Thread: [Lessen count of search characters? *EXAMPLES*](#)

Eminem? - April 26, 2014, 8:54 am

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Skorp - April 26, 2014, 9:10 am

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But the same could be said about 'haha', 'hehe' etc... really. However, if a filter can't be added I understand what you're saying as that's more words adding to the strain.

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wellager - April 26, 2014, 11:47 am

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BoX. - April 26, 2014, 11:52 am

This would actually be quite useful, but as mentioned above it would not be practical in some ways. I've had issues like this too but I just add a related keyword before or after what I want, it usually brings up useful results. For example "VCW" isn't allowed as you mentioned, but "ewhoring vcw" brings up the exact same results you'd be searching for

Scrandy - April 26, 2014, 11:53 am

I just posted this. Omni just gave me a response. Junk this thread.

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I agree with this, but these searches aren't in order of how recent they were posted unlike the search results. A person could be looking for an active thread on those particular topics.

Orgy - April 26, 2014, 12:42 pm

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There's an entire section dedicated to that. You don't need to search it.

Trisomy 21 - April 26, 2014, 1:32 pm

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I actually really agree with this, I only found out about the char count requirement when trying to type "IRC". I had to have been trying for like 10 mins lol.

Omniscient - April 26, 2014, 7:33 pm

You would not get the relevant results you believe you would. The search engine here is dumb and the less your character are for searching the dumber it will be.