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Social Dictionary: WordSource

From [TechCrunch](#) comes word of this new social dictionary:

A new online dictionary and thesaurus launches today called WordSource. It's main benefit over sites like Dictionary.com is the fact that the site is very cleanly designed and contains no advertisements. You can also look up a word by simply adding it to the URL (so word.sc/example will pull up the definition of "example").

The site also has a number of social features, allowing users to upload photos that are relevant to the word, add tags, rate words, etc. Seems like a bit of overkill to bolt a social network onto an online dictionary, but there you go. If they hadn't built it, someone else probably would have.

I like their advanced search features:

Exact: **planet** returns an exact definition of *planet*

Prefix: **planet*** returns all words starting with *planet*

Suffix: ***planet** returns all words ending in *planet*

Wilds: **pl!!!!** returns all words starting with *pl* followed by any three letters and ending in *t* (exclamation mark represents any letter)

ZIP Code: **90210** returns the *Beverly Hills, California* listing

City: **Beverly Hills, CA** returns the *Beverly Hills, California* listing

Link to [WordSource](#).

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