thoughtQ

User Guide

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Starting, minimizing and quitting

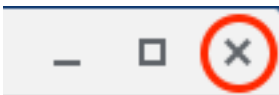- Run **thoughtQ** from the Chromebook desktop. You may need to use the Search box to locate it.
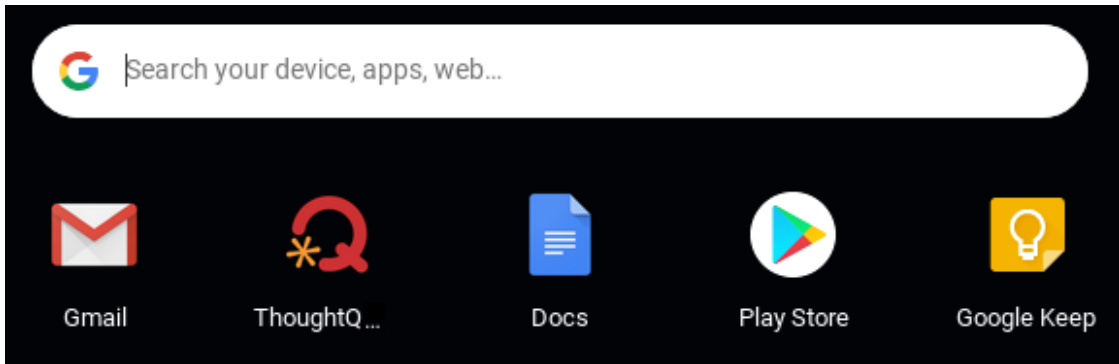
- After **thoughtQ** opens, position it alongside your browser:
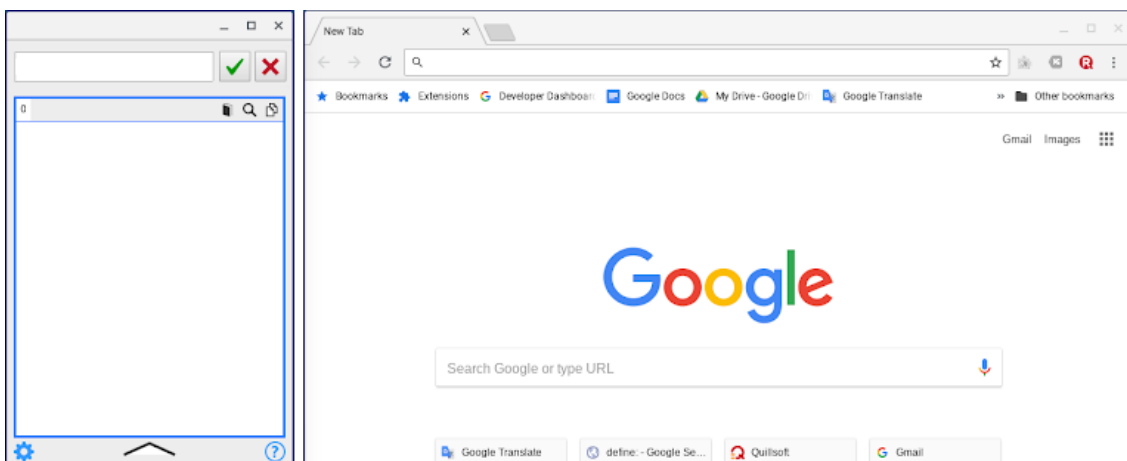
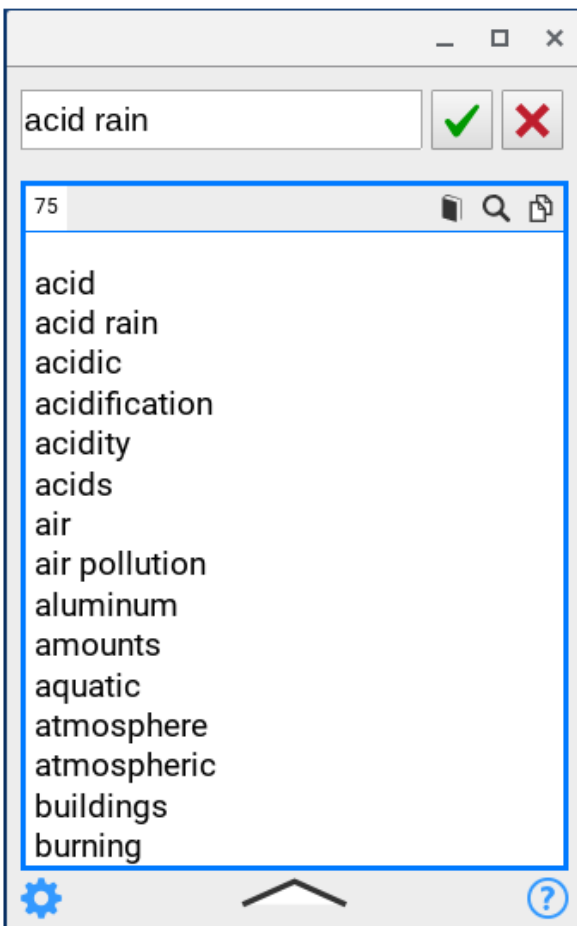- Click the **Minimize** button on the titlebar to minimize **thoughtQ** to the taskbar.

- Click the **Close** button on the titlebar to quit **thoughtQ**.

Find topic words/phrases

- Type a topical keyword/phrase; e.g., "acid rain" in the top edit box; then press RETURN or click the **OK** ✔ button.

- As you type your topical keyword/phrase, word prediction will help you with spelling. These predictions will be displayed below as you type. Click on a word/phrase to select it; then press RETURN or click the OK button.

- A list of topical words/phrases is shown below. Initially, 75 topic words/phrases at an average academic level will be displayed.

acid rain

75

acid
acid rain
acidic
acidification
acidity
acids
air
air pollution
aluminum
amounts
aquatic
atmosphere
atmospheric
buildings
burning

- Click on a word or phrase to hear it spoken.

- Click the **Clear** button ✖ to clear the topic list.

Get a definition of a topic word/phrase

- Select a topic word from the dynamic topic list and click the **Define** button 📕 .

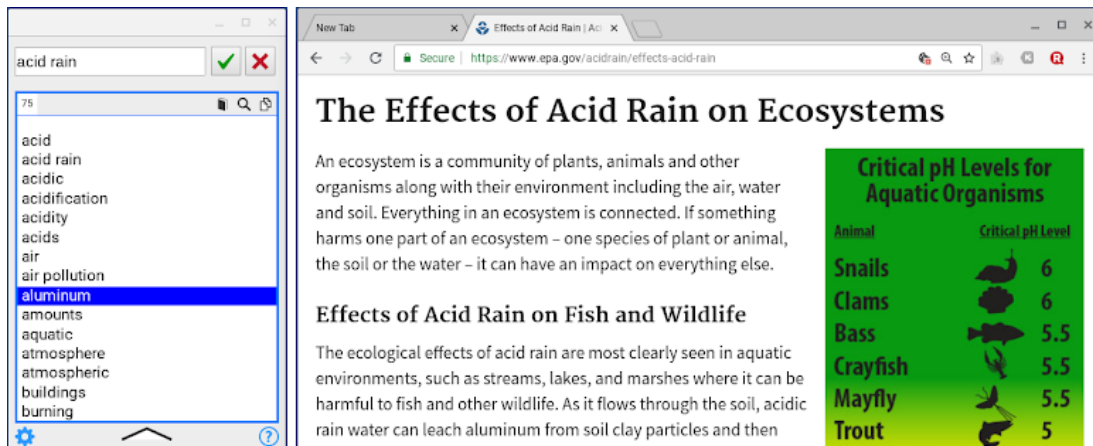- The default web browser will open with a definition of the word.
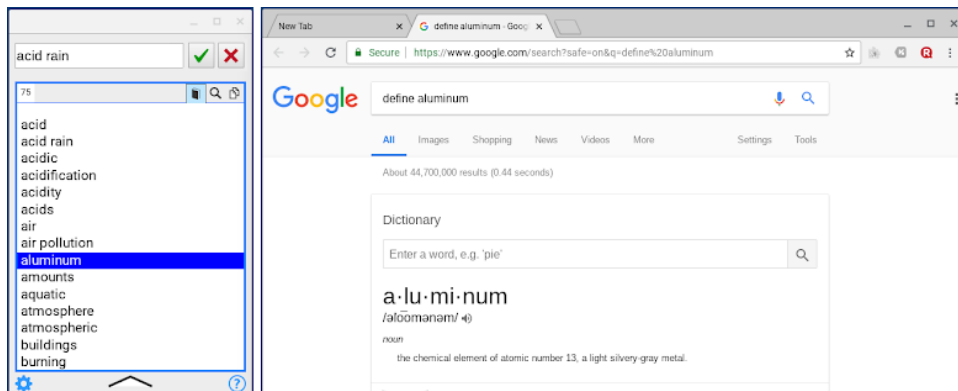
Explore

- Start exploring by selecting a topic word/phrase that interests you and click the **Search** button 🔍.

- The default browser will open (or a new Tab page if the browser is already open) with a list of URLs based on "keyword" + "topic word/ phrase."
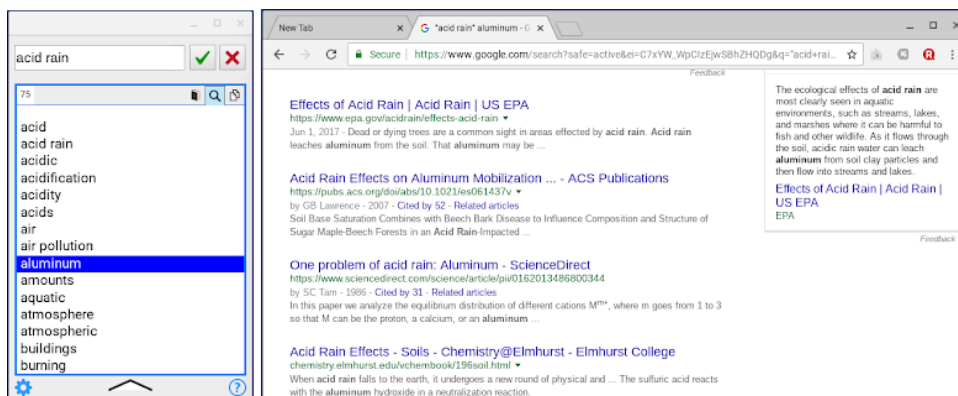
- Click on an interesting URL to view its web page.

- Unusual words or those that you don't know often produce the most interesting results as "thought triggers."

- Take advantage of using **ReaderQ** extension to view the web page in a more readable layout and for note-taking.
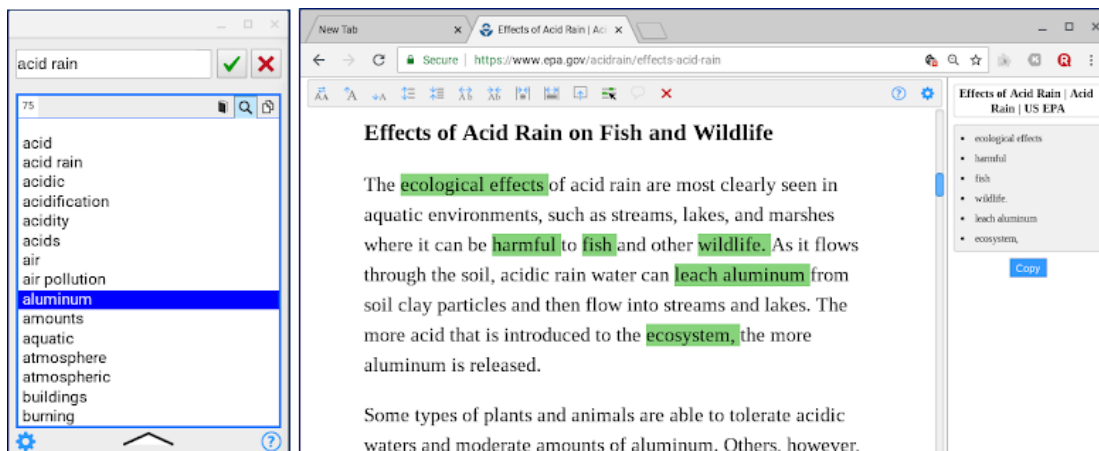
- Repeat with different topic words, or with different keywords.

Adjust

- Initially, 75 topic words/phrases at an average academic level will be displayed. You can change these values by clicking the **Up arrow** button ⌃ to show options. When done, click the **Down arrow** button ⌄ to hide these options.
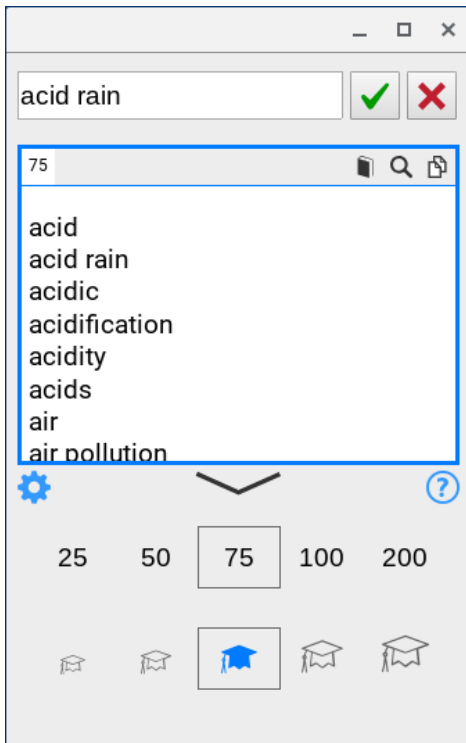
- Adjust additional options by clicking the **Settings** button ⚙ to :

  - Speak selected topic words/phrases (on/off)

  - Use word prediction to help spell keywords (on/off)

  - Choose a voice

  - Vary the speech rate (slow, normal, fast)

Copy topic words/phrases

- To copy a single topic word/phrase, select it and then click the **Copy** button 🗐.

- To copy all topic words/phrases, first deselect any highlighted word/phrase by clicking on it and then click the **Copy** button 🗐.

- Topic words/phrases can be imported into **WordQ for Chrome** as shown below to boost word prediction:
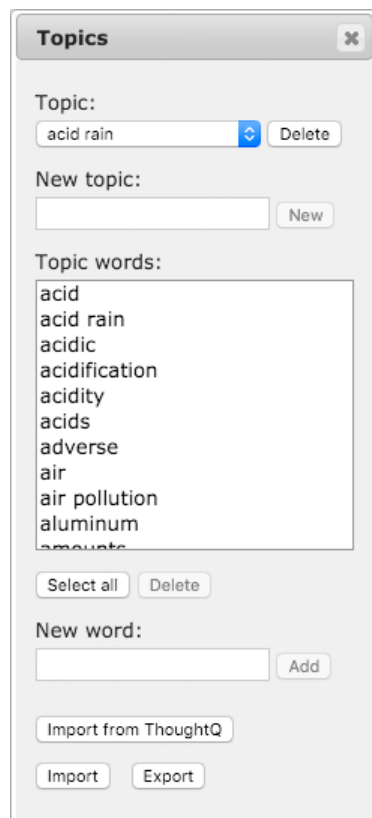
Limitations

- o Web searches and definitions require an online connection while **thoughtQ** topic word suggestions are offline.

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