

The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with dark coffee, sitting on a wooden desk. In the foreground, a blue pen lies diagonally across an open, spiral-bound notebook with lined pages. A laptop keyboard is partially visible in the background, slightly out of focus.

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Learning objectives

- Understand the meaning and use of these open licenses
- Include them in your academic activities

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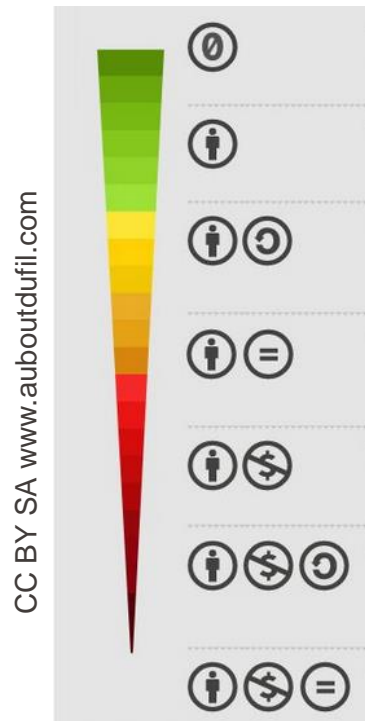
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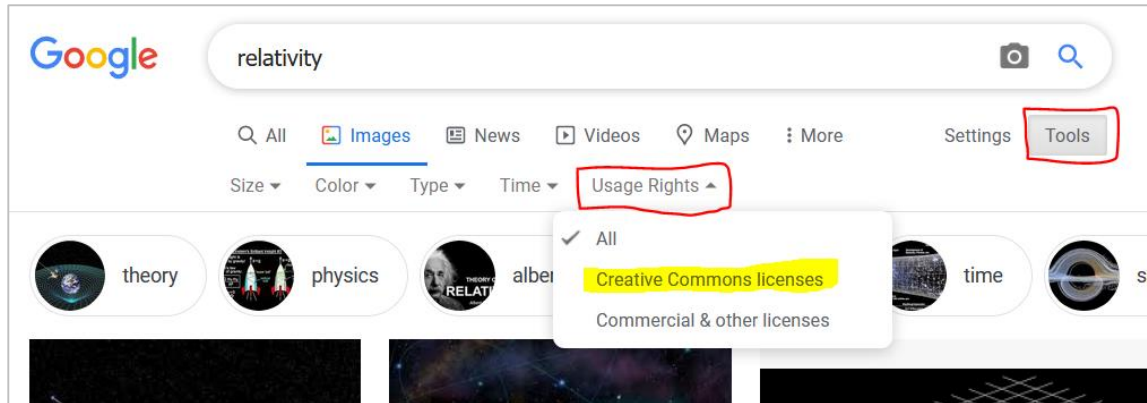
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