



FIND THE RIGHT Targeting Method

Targeting Method	Purpose	Facebook/Instagram	Google
Traits/Interests: target people based on their traits, like age, gender, or their personal interests.	<i>This method helps you find new and unique audience segments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Detailed Targeting: Facebook ⋮ rules when trying to target ⋮ interests and has plenty of ⋮ targeting features based on ⋮ demographics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Affinity Audiences: Google is ⋮ more limited in their ability to ⋮ target traits, and it's difficult ⋮ to know how they determine ⋮ users' interests.
Retargeting: target people who have previously visited your website.	<i>This method helps you stay top-of-mind and target people who have already shown interest in your company or product.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Pixel: Facebook's pixel is easy to ⋮ use once you get it set up and ⋮ is really effective in retargeting ⋮ website visitors. ⋮ ⋮ ⋮ ⋮ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Tracking Tag: Google's tracking ⋮ tag is very similar to Facebook's ⋮ pixel. You will also need to add ⋮ Google's tracking code to your ⋮ website if you want to retarget ⋮ your website visitors with ⋮ Display or YouTube ads.
Email List: target people on your email list.	<i>With this method you can target ads to specific people based on their email address.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Custom Audience: Just choose ⋮ "custom audience" and upload your ⋮ email list. You can even do this in ⋮ the process of creating your ad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Custom Match: You will upload ⋮ your email list under "Shared ⋮ Libraries" and then "Audiences."
Lookalike/Similar Audiences: find people who have similar traits or interests to your customers.	<i>This method is perfect if you have a quality customer email list, but don't have the time or ability to understand all the common traits that make for your perfect customer.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Lookalike Audiences: On ⋮ Facebook you can create ⋮ lookalike audiences based on an ⋮ email list or based on the people ⋮ who follow your page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Similar Audiences: Just like ⋮ on Facebook, you can use your ⋮ email list to find people with ⋮ similar traits.
Contextual Targeting: target people based on the content they are viewing.	<i>This will allow you to place your ads on sites or videos that feature related content.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ This isn't an option on Facebook. ⋮ Sorry! ⋮ ⋮ ⋮ ⋮ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Contextual Targeting: This will ⋮ allow you to choose keywords ⋮ or categories that help Google ⋮ place your ads on sites or videos ⋮ with related content.
Geographical Targeting: target based on geographical location.	<i>This method is best used when combined with other targeting methods to hone in on a specific audience segment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Facebook will allow you to target ⋮ based on a person's location or ⋮ their expressed interest in a ⋮ certain location. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⋮ Google has a lot of options ⋮ for choosing the locations you ⋮ want to target, like targeting by ⋮ congressional district or zip code.