

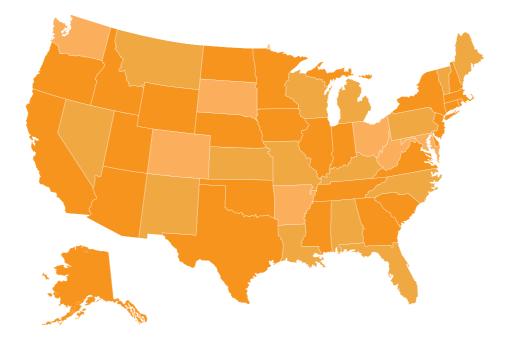
Question-Based Search is On the Rise: Are You Taking Advantage?

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### Energy Circle On The Road

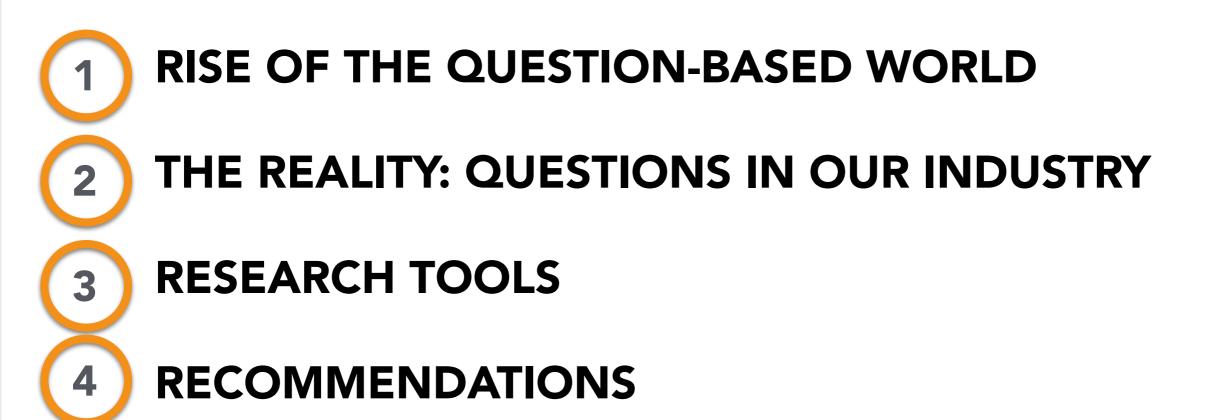
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- 02/06 02/07: Better Buildings Vermont | Burlington, VT
- 02/11 -02/13: Dry Climate Forum | Yosemite, CA
- 02/11 02/12: Home Performance Coalition NW | Portland, OR
- 03/03 03/06: ACCA Optimize | San Antonio, TX
- 03/06 03/08: BayWa r.e. Renewable Energy Business Leadership Summit Tamaya, NM
- 03/19 03/20: Building Science Conference & Expo | Bowling Green, KY
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### What We'll Discuss







## RISE OF THE QUESTION-BASED WORLD

### Not Just for Keyboards Anymore





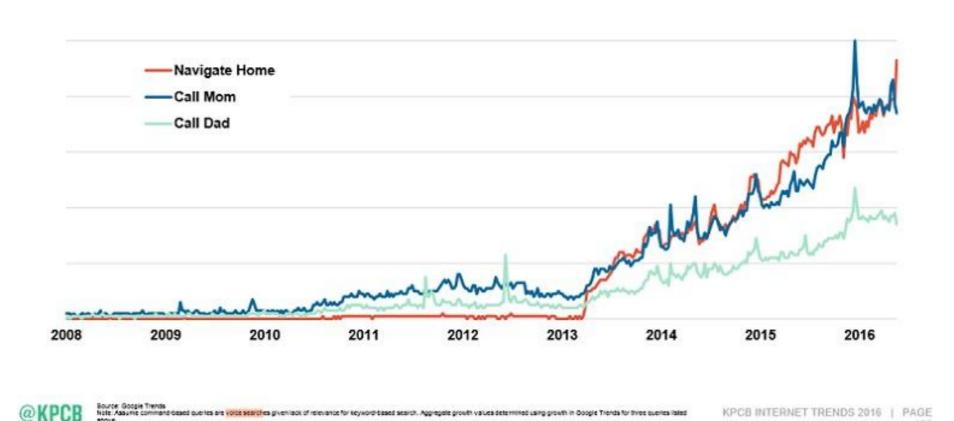


### **Rise of Voice Search Queries**

### Google Voice Search Queries = Up >35x Since 2008 & >7x Since 2010, per Google Trends

Google Trends imply queries associated with voice-related commands have risen >35x since 2008 after launch of iPhone & Google Voice Search

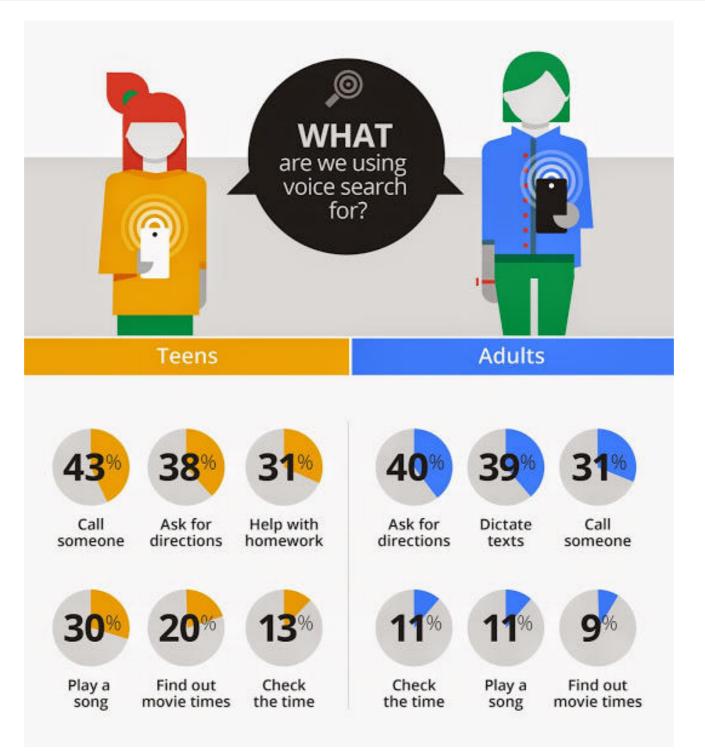
#### Google Trends, Worldwide, 2008 - 2016





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### Primary Uses of Voice Search





**Conversational Search** 

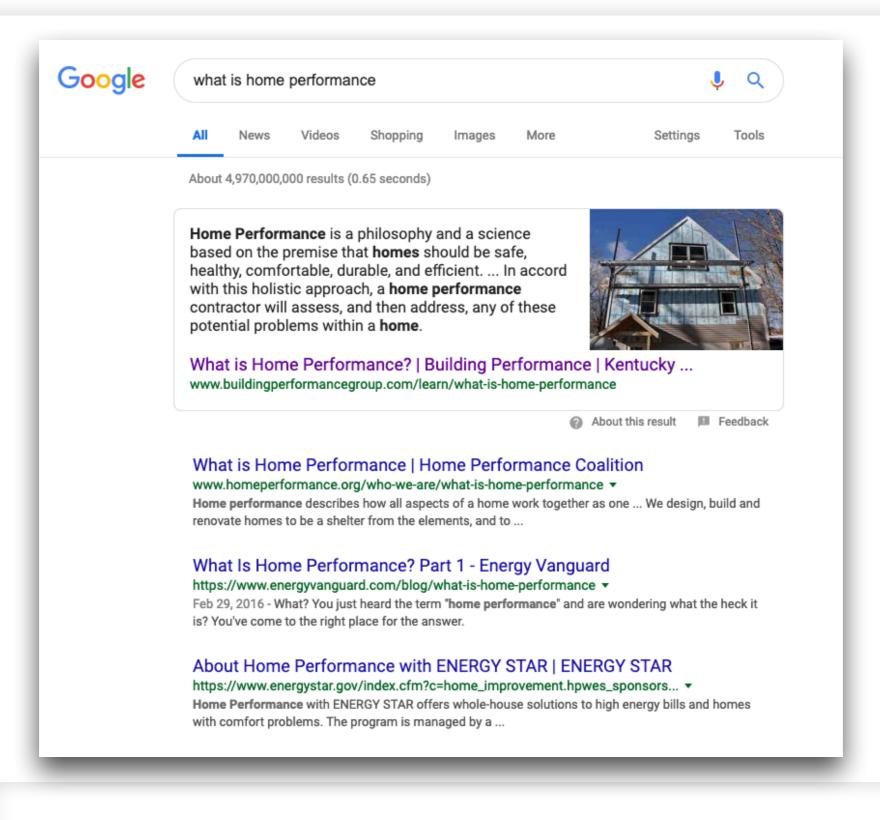
## "energy efficient furnace"

VS

# "how do you determine if a furnace is energy efficient?"



### Featured Snippets (aka Answer Boxes)





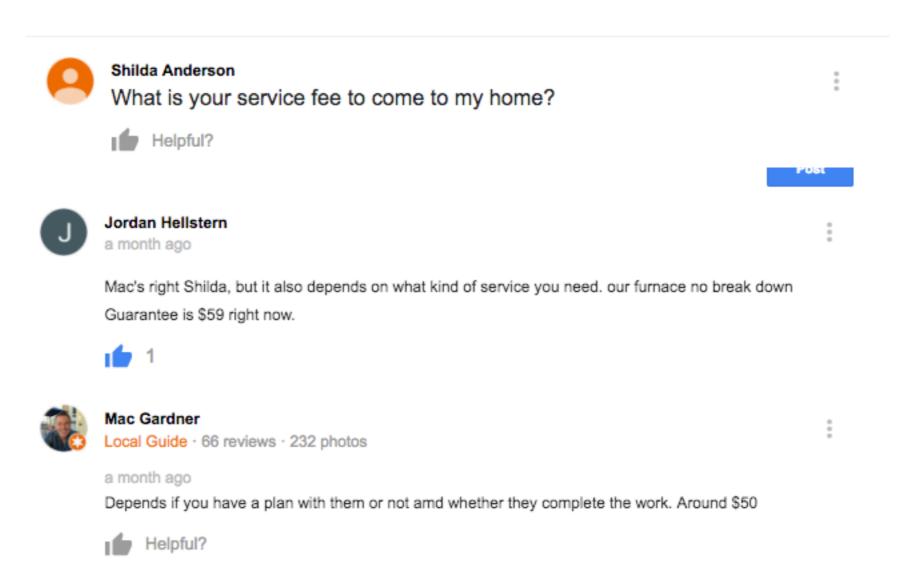
### Google "People also ask"

People also ask	
Are solar panels really free?	~
How many solar panels are needed to power a house?	~
How much do solar panels cost for a 1500 square foot house?	^
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How Many Solar Panels Does it Take to Power a House? - Networx https://www.networx.com/article/how-many-solar-panels-does-it-take-to-po	
Search for: How much do solar panels cost for a 1500 square foot house?	
Do you really save money with solar panels?	~
How many solar panels do I need for a 2000 square foot house?	$\sim$
How long do solar panels last?	$\sim$

Feedback

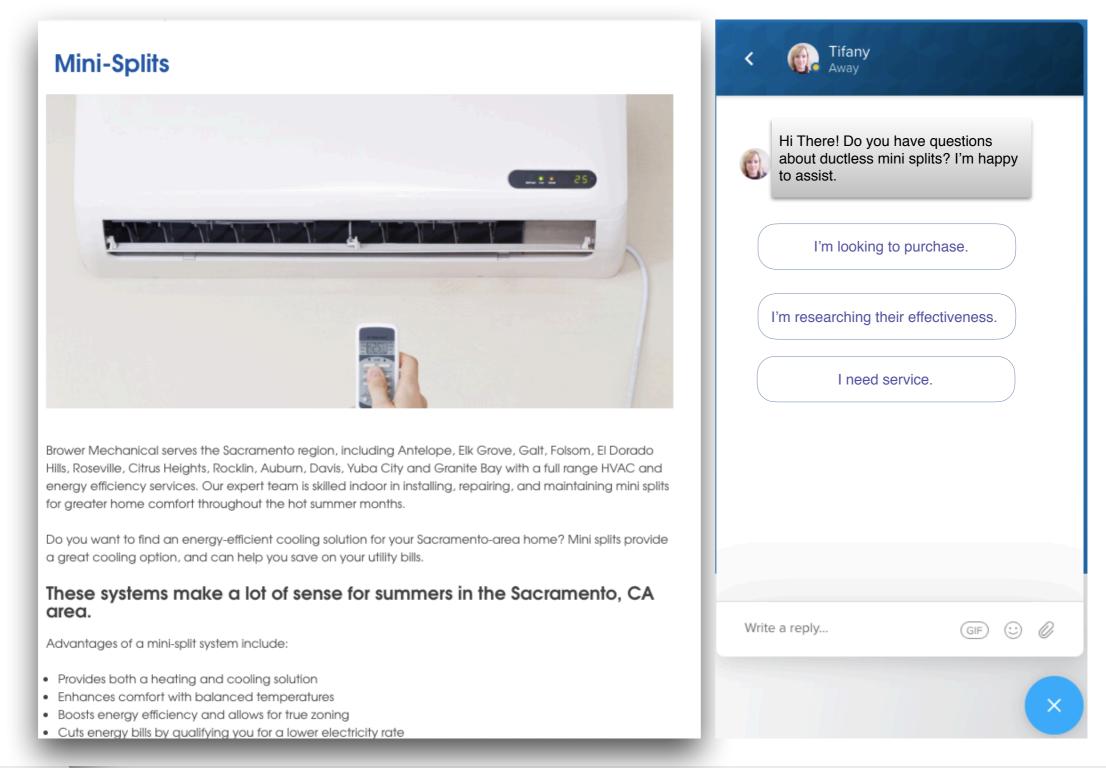


### Google My Business Q & A





### Live Chat: High Frequency of Questions







# REALITY CHECK: QUESTIONS IN SOLAR, HOME PERFORMANCE, HVAC

- 1. Do you have the service I need?
- 2. Do you serve my area?
- 3. When are you available?
- 4. How much do you cost?
- 5. Are you a good company?
- 6. What is first step to engage you?
- 7. After hire, what is your process?



## **Addressing Different Services**

### **Energy Audit**

What is it? Why do I need it? What do I get out of it? How much time does it take? Do I have to be there? How do I prepare? Then what?

### Solar

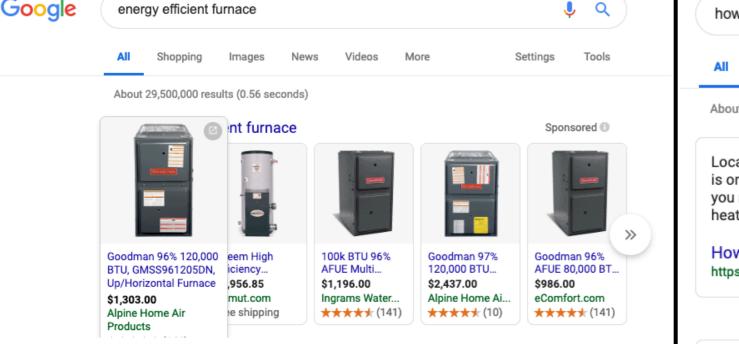
Is my house/roof suited? How much cost? How much savings? How will it look on my house? Maintenance requirements? Do I have to clean? Will it hurt my roof? What happens during power outages? What if it's cloudy for 2 weeks?



## Start with More Complex Topics

Service	Audience Knowledge
Ductless Heat Pumps	L
Battery Storage	L
Crawlspace Repair	L
Insulation/Envelope	Μ
Healthy Home/IAQ	L





ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2019 — Furnaces | Products | ENERGY ... https://www.energystar.gov > Certified Products > ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2019 These exceptional furnaces represent the leading edge in energy efficient products this year. These furnaces are designed to provide the best comfort for the ...

People also ask	
What is the most energy efficient gas furnace?	~
What is the most energy efficient heating system?	~
How much does a high efficiency furnace cost?	~
What is the best furnace to buy?	~
	Feedback

#### Best Gas Furnace Buying Guide - Consumer Reports https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/gas-furnaces/buying-guide -

Sep 16, 2016 - Furnaces have become more energy-efficient over the years. A gas furnace made in the early 1970s typically has an AFUE of about 65 percent. The lowest efficiency allowed by law for new gas furnaces is 78 percent, and some new models achieve 97 percent, near-total efficiency. How to Replace Furnace Filters · Brand reliability report · The Latest in Low ...

#### Purchasing Energy-Efficient Residential Furnaces | Department of ... https://www.energy.gov/eere/femp/purchasing-energy-efficient-residential-furnaces -

FEMP's acquisition guidance for residential **furnaces** and the associated **ENERGY** STAR **efficiency** requirements apply to gas-, propane-, and oil-fired **furnaces** ...

#### Buying a High-Efficiency Furnace - HomeTips

https://www.hometips.com/buying-guides/high-efficiency-furnaces.html Nov 8, 2018 - The efficiency of your furnace can make a major difference in your energy bills. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), heating and ...

how do I determine if a furnace is energy efficient								
All	Shopping	Videos	Images	News	More	Settings	Tools	

About 38,300,000 results (0.68 seconds)

Locate the noted **efficiency** of the **furnace**, usually on the faceplate. If your **furnace** is only 80 percent **efficient** and you require 100,000 BTUs to heat your entire home, you need a **furnace** that outputs 125,000 BTUs at 100 percent.You are not **efficiently** heating your home when the actual output is too low.

#### How Do I Know if My Furnace is Efficient? - Stay Comfy Minnesota https://www.staycomfy.com/blog/how-do-i-know-if-my-furnace-is-efficient

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People also ask		
Is my furnace high efficiency?		~
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How efficient are new furnaces?		~
How is furnace efficiency measured?		~
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#### How Can I Tell How Efficient My Furnace Is? | Raleigh Heating & Air https://www.raleighheatingandair.com/blog/how-can-i-tell-how-efficient-my-furnace-is/

Nov 20, 2014 - If you are concerned about saving money and lowering your energy use, it is important to know that you have a furnace that efficiently converts ...

#### How Do I know if My Heater is Efficient?

#### https://idealservice.com/how-do-i-know-if-my-heater-is-efficient/ -

Sep 29, 2015 - Even heating San Diego homes can be expensive, making the need for an **energy**efficient furnace a necessity. One way to determine the ...

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# RESEARCH TOOLS FOR IDENTIFYING MOST COMMON QUESTIONS

**First and Foremost** 

# What Your Customers & Prospects Are Asking



### Google Suggest



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how much do solar **panels cost** how much do solar **panels save** how much do solar **panels weigh** how much do solar **panel installers make** how much do solar **panels cost 2018** how much do solar **cars cost** how much do solar **batteries cost** how much do solar **tubes cost** how much do solar **panels** how much do solar **panels** 

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

Report inappropriate predictions



### Google Suggest

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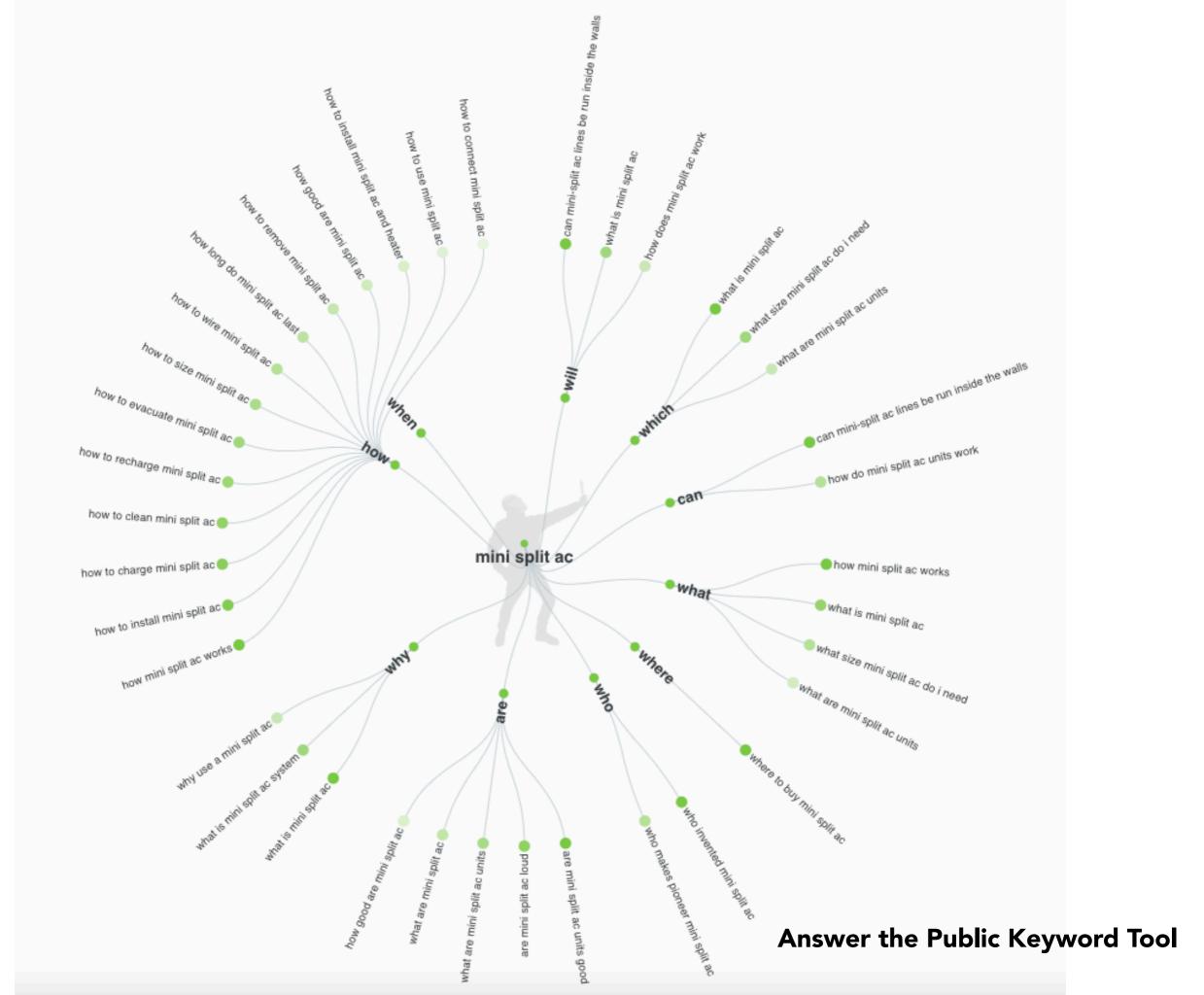
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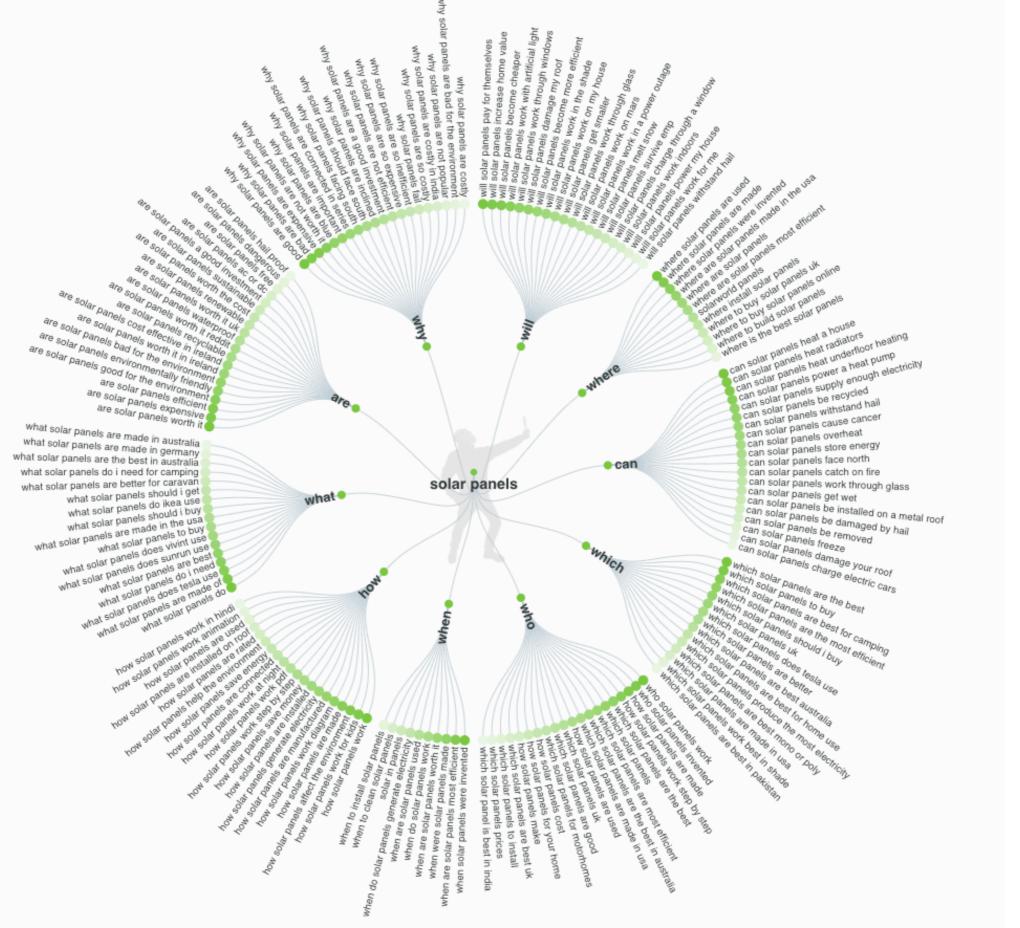
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### **Question Volume**

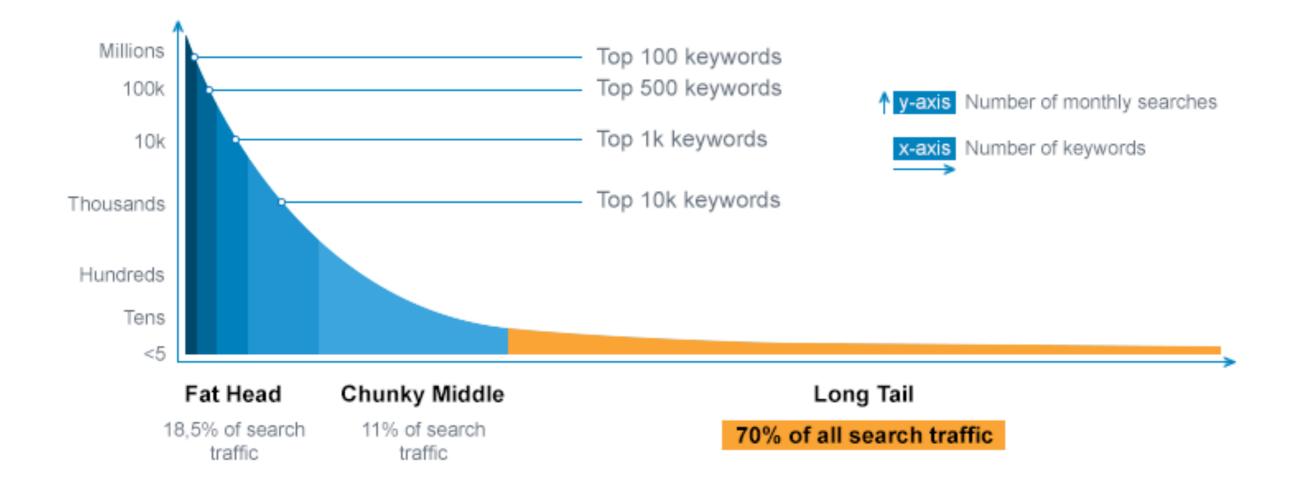
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### SEM Rush Keyword Tool

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### Understanding the Long Tail







# RECOMMENDATIONS: WHERE TO FOCUS YOUR INITIAL EFFORTS

## Website FAQ's

BOSTON SOLAR	Residential Solar	Commercial Solar	Careers Email Sig	n-up <b>\$</b> 617 477 8495 Refer-A-Fr Solar Blog & Resources	iend Free Quote
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How much will it cost me and my fam	ily to solar power	my home?			+
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Is solar financing available?					+
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## **CTA's: Anticipate Their Questions**

### We help you capture the money-saving benefits of clean solar energy

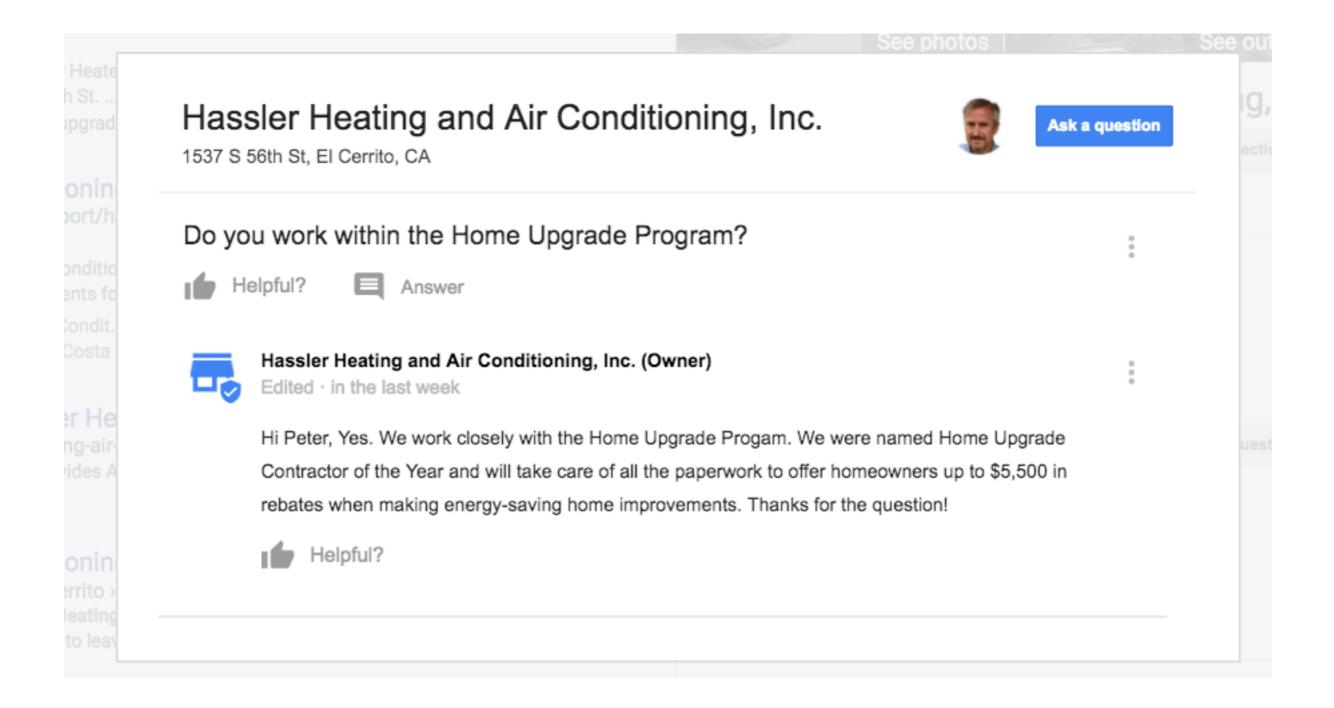
Is solar right for you? Will solar work on your roof or land? How much would solar cost for you? How much could you save? We make it easy to get the answers to all your solar questions.

Simply fill out the form to schedule a call with one of our non-commissioned solar experts.

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### Google My Business Q & A





## Advanced Landing Pages







# QUESTIONS ABOUT QUESTIONS?

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