

# How to Outsmart Competitors with Traffic Analysis

A 9-Step Easy Read Reference Guide



#### Where to Look:

## Google Search

Search high-intent terms > e.g., best [your product] or [your service near me. → Identify:

- Organic rankings
- Paid ads
- Map pack results

## Al Prompt Idea

"What high-intent keywords do people use when searching for [your product] online?"

### Online Communities

Check Reddit & forums for niche competitors & real user opinions.

## Listicles & Roundups

Search > Best [product] for [need] → Find emerging or featured brands.

## **SEO** Tools

- Use Organic Research → Competitors tab
- View Competitive Positioning Map
- Check shared keywords & traffic estimates

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#### **Checklist:**

- ✓ What do they sell?
- Who are they targeting?
- What are their value propositions?

#### **Al Prompt:**

"Compare [Competitor A] vs [Your Brand] on products, pricing, positioning. What gaps can we fill?"

#### ★ Look For:

- Core strengths (e.g., quality, price, speed)
- Messaging tone
- Website structure

## Opportunity Example:

If competitors push "natural ingredients," but not transparency → you can own traceability & sourcing.

# Step 3: Analyse Traffic Sources

#### **Use Traffic Analysis Tools**

- Look at:
  - Monthly Visits
  - Organic vs Paid
  - Top Pages (homepage, blog, business locators?)
  - Keyword Intent (Informational, Commercial, Transactional)





#### **Check Paid Channels:**

#### Google Ads

Search for both branded and non-branded keywords. Look for:

- Search Ads
- Shopping Ads

#### Social Ads

Use Ad Libraries: → Track active ads, creative formats, and offers

- Meta: Facebook & Instagram WhatsApp ads too?
- TikTok LinkedIn

## Key Insights:

- Product focus
- Offers (e.g., bundles, discounts)
- Platform priority

# **Step 5:** Break Down Content & Messaging

#### What to Evaluate:

## **Homepage Copy**

→ Are key benefits and differentiators clear above the fold?

## Product Descriptions

→ Features vs. benefits? Trust signals?

## Blog & SEO Strategy

- → Are there pillar pages + topic clusters?
- → Thin or rich content?

### **Trust Builders:**

- Reviews & ratings
- Awards & certifications
- Guarantees



# Step 6: Scan Social Media Presence



#### **Platform Focus:**

Look at Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn (depending on audience)

#### What to Assess:

- Content types (UGC, memes, product demos)
- Tone (friendly, expert, quirky?)
- Engagement (likes, shares, comments)

#### Stand Out by:

- · Educating, not just selling
- Creating personality-driven, community-focused content

# Step 7: Monitor LLM & Al Visibility

#### **Check AI Search Results:**

- Use tools like:
  - Google's AI Overviews
  - Perplexity.ai
  - ChatGPT

#### Look for:

- Mentions of competitor brands
- Sources Al pulls from
- Gaps in coverage you can fill
- Tip: Build AI-optimised, trustworthy content (clear structure, citations, consistent brand mention).
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# Step 8: Evaluate Local SEO (if relevant)



#### If competitors have physical locations:

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- → Look at Google Business Profile:
  - Reviews
  - Photos
  - Services
  - Operating hours

#### **Landing Pages:**

Do they have local pages? Are they optimised with local keywords?

## Compete By:

Creating highly localised, SEO-optimised pages for each service area.

# Step 9: Turn Insights Into Strategy

#### Fill Out a Competitor Matrix:

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## **©** Now Decide:

- · Where to compete
- Where to differentiate
- Which gaps to fill
- · Which platforms to focus on

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# Reminder: Outsmart, Don't Copy



Use this framework to dissect, not duplicate. Find what they missed. Focus on one or two areas where you can go deeper, faster, or smarter.

- Track 3-5 competitors
- **6** Build your playbook not theirs

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