

# Tips

## Search Engine Tips

If you know the location of the place you want to go, typing the URL (*website address*), in the address box will take you there. But if you do not know where to go to find the information you want, you will need to use a search engine. Search engine can help you find information on the web quickly.

A search engine uses programs that continually search the Internet for information. When you go to a search engine site, such as Yahooligans and enter a keyword or phrase, you are actually searching the database built by the search engine.

## Keywords Tips

- Before you search, plan ahead. Think about what key words you can use.
- The more specific you can be, the more likely it is that you will find relevant information.
- Spelling counts! Check your spelling before you submit a search. Most search engines look for matching “strings” of characters; a spelling error can derail your search.
- Use similar words. If a certain word does not return a good response, try a synonym. Don't give up if your first query fails to yield results.

*A synonym is a word that means the same - The word rapid is a synonym for quick.*

## URL Tips

Typing counts! An Internet address must be typed exactly as you find it, with every dot and slash in place. A missing period or even the wrong case for a letter – for example, upper case instead of lower case may result in a “File not found” message.

# Search Engine Practice

You are searching for website about *black bears in North America*.

## Directions:




Complete the activities below to learn more about keywords and search engines.

1. Go to Yahoo!igans at <http://www.yahooligans.com> and type *animals* in the search box. Click Search. How many hits did you find?
2. Return to the search box, type *bears*, and click Search. How many sites did you find about black bears?
3. Return to the search box, type *black bears North America*, and click Search. How many sites did you find about black bears +North America?

## Now compare your results to a different search engine.

4. Go to Ask Jeeves at <http://www.aj.com> and type *where can I find information about bears?* Click Ask. How many sites did you find?
5. Return to the search box, type *where can I find information about black bears?* Click Ask.
6. Return to the search box, type *where can I find information about black bears in North America?* Click Ask. How many did you find?
7. Which site provided the best responses to your search?
8. Which keyword provided the best results to your topic "black bears +North America"?
9. Write the name and URL of the search engine you liked best. Tell what you like about that search engine.
10. Did you have better results when you narrowed your keyword search to the specific bear and location?

# Review Questions

1. Write an example of a website address is?
2. What is a URL?
3. A word that sometimes looks underlined and is clickable is usually what?
4. www.primarygames.com is an example of what?
5. What is a search engine? Why would you need to use one?
6. Are keywords important? Why?
7. In Microsoft Word how would you proceed to the next line?
8. Copy will \_\_\_\_\_ and cut will \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The button below will:  

10. The button below will:  

11. What is the function of the button below?  

12. How do you shut down the computer?

13. What drive is the floppy disk?

## **Change The Font Color Of The Correct Answer**

14. A keyboard is an input device.

**True False**

15. Speakers are an example of an output device.

**True False**

16. When I'm finished working on the computer, I can just turn it off by pushing the off button.

**True False**

17. The address for a Web page is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator).

**True False**

18. Yahoo!igans, Google, and Ajkids are examples of:

URLs  
search engines  
hyperlinks  
computers

19. When using an Internet search engine, you type the words of your search in the:

menu bar  
search box  
login box  
scroll bar

20. List all the steps to save to a Floppy.

21. List all the steps to save to your student folder