

Title- Zoom In with Internet Keyword Searches

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These were developed with Microsoft Word.



Focus on What I Need

Before beginning a computer search, spend some time thinking about your topic. Here are some hints to help you identify exactly what you need for a successful search!

1. Write down the information you want to find as a question.
2. Underline the **keywords** or main idea of the question.
3. These underlined words are the **keywords** that you will use when looking on the computer.

Read the following research questions to determine the **keywords** that you would use to answer the question.

1. What is the unit of money used in Brazil?
2. Where was Robert E. Lee born?
3. When did Florida become a state?
4. What U.S. President was investigated by the Watergate Committee?
5. What city was the host of the last Winter Olympics?
6. Who was the governor of Florida in 1945?
7. Are ocean tides affected by the moon?
8. What is the temperature on the planet Mars?
9. Who was President of the United States in 1911?
10. What team won the 1998 Super Bowl game?

Internet Searching Tips



- Keep your search simple, using only a few keywords.
- If you have more than one keyword (people, places, book titles, multiple words), type them surrounded by quotation marks.

For example-
a search for “George Washington”
will find
articles about George Washington
but not some other George or some other Washington.

Another example-
a search for “ chronic fatigue syndrome”
will find
articles about chronic fatigue syndrome
but not some other chronic or fatigue or syndrome.

The quotation marks tell the search engine to search for sites in which your keywords appear together in the order you requested.

- Don't assume that the first choice in the results is the best one.
- If you don't find what you are looking for in the first ten results, modify your keywords and search again.
- Use more than one search engine.
- Ask for help if you have trouble finding what you need.
- Remember to evaluate the information you find. Think about the following points:
 1. Anyone can put a website on the Internet.
 2. There is no company or person who checks the information that is placed on web sites.
 3. Sites constantly change; new sites appear; and old ones disappear.

4. You don't always know if and when a site has been created or kept current.



Name-

ZOOM in on the answer

Underline the keywords in the following questions.

One

Web site address

1. What is the current population of the state of Florida?
2. What is name of the Prime Minister of Canada?
3. Where is Sea World located?
4. When did J.K. Rowling publish the first Harry Potter book?

Two

5. How often is the **New York Times** published?
6. When did the Titanic sink?
7. Who is the current mayor of New York City?
8. What is the type of money used in Japan?

Three

9. Who invented the aspirin?
10. What colors are on the flag of Ireland?
11. Who is the current president of the University of Florida?
12. When did Custer's Last Stand take place?

Four

13. Where was President George W. Bush born?
14. What is the latitude and longitude of Mexico City?
15. When did the Civil War end?
16. Who is the current governor of Alabama?



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Internet Searching Checklist

**Use this checklist to help you evaluate your recent Internet session.
Circle the response that best describes your experience.**

I was able to find an answer to all the questions.

Yes
No

I needed more time to finish the assignment.

Yes
No

I needed more individual help to find the answers.

Yes
No

The information I found was _____ to understand.

difficult
easy

I feel that I need more practice searching on the Internet.

Yes
No

I liked using the Internet to find the answers.

Yes
No

Which search engine did you like the best?

Google
Yahooligans
Ask Jeeves
Info Please
Other (Please list it here.)