

## Lesson 4: Introduction to the Internet

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- Some popular search engines:
  - Google: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
    - Plain and simple.
  - Ask Jeeves: [www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com)
    - You can type in entire questions here.
  - Yahoo: [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)
    - You can also browse through different categories to find what you are looking for.
  
- How to search efficiently:
  - Use words that are rare – avoid 'and', 'to', 'or', etc. It doesn't really matter if you include them but narrow down the number of results by using specific words.
  - If you are looking for a specific phrase use this format:
    - "Chocolate Cake Recipe" or Chocolate+Cake+Recipe
  - Type in keywords, omit things like "How can I...", "I need..." except for AskJeeves type search engines. It is usually sufficient just to type: "disneyland" or "restaurants San Diego."
  
- What can you find?
  - Pretty much anything you would ever want to find.
    - Directions
    - Newspapers/News
    - Dictionary
    - Encyclopedia
    - etc, etc.
  
- Some words of caution:
  - **Never** give out personal information – never share anything you wouldn't share with a stranger.
  - If something sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true!
  - Watch out for pop-ups – these are little windows that "pop up" when you visit certain sites. They might be advertisements/scams/other unpleasant stuff. Never click on them. Some typical scams: "You are the 1 millionth visitor to this site. Click here to claim your prize!" or "Find your perfect date!", etc.
  - Anybody can create a web page. If you read something on a web site, it doesn't mean it is true or accurate.
  
- Some practice exercises:
  - Find driving directions from the community center to your house.
  - Read today's New York Times front page.
  - Find the meaning of a word you don't know.
  - Find out the capital city of Lithuania.