

COVER LESSON 1

Name:

In this unit you are:

- Considering the difference between fact and opinion
- Looking at the reliability of information we find on the internet
- Considering the
- Looking at ways of searching the internet more efficiently

This work is based on the unit you are doing in ICT at the moment.

You may not have done enough of the unit to complete all of today's work.

Try your best and do as much as you can

Today's work: Searching for Information

TASK ONE

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/course/coursemenu.shtml>

Click on link 6 **Searching**

Do the online **guide & quiz**, on **internet searching**.

Then do the online **guide & quiz**, on **advanced searching**

TASK TWO

Choose **ONE** of these controversial topics

- All school uniform should be banned
- Hunting is not cruel
- Everybody should be vegetarian
- Smoking in public places is OK
- Speed limits on British roads should be increased
- Britain should adopt the Euro and be part of Europe
- The legal drinking age in Britain should be lower

You are going to use the Internet Searching techniques you have learned about, to research your chosen topic.

You should choose a search engine such as:

www.google.co.uk

www.yahoo.co.uk

www.altavista.com

Choose a search engine then open a blank Word document and answer the questions on the next page, as you search for information on your chosen topic

WARNING -YOUR TEACHER HAS A LIST OF THE TOPICS YOU ARE ALLOWED TO SEARCH FOR. DO NOT USE THE INTERNET FOR ANYTHING ELSE OR YOU WILL RECEIVE CONSEQUENCES!

1. Which search engine did you use to find your information?
2. How many **hits** did you get?
3. How many times did you have to **refine** and **improve** your search before you found useful information?
4. What search methods did you use to find the information? (i.e. what did you type into the box on the search engine?)
5. What websites did you find? (You could paste the addresses into Word, by highlighting them in the address bar and selecting **Edit** and **Copy** then **Edit** and **Paste** in Word)
6. Did you find websites that reflected BOTH SIDES of the topic?
7. Which site contained the most reliable information and why did you think it was reliable?
8. Which site contained the least reliable information and why did you think it was unreliable?
9. Which site contained the most up-to-date information?

Now try searching for more information on your topic, this time using a different search engine.

10. Did you get different results using an alternative search engine?
Explain your answer

TASK THREE

Produce a short PowerPoint presentation about your topic. You should aim to include information to support BOTH SIDES of the topic.

TASK FOUR

Go back to here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/course/coursemenu.shtml>

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Try the **Weakest Link** quiz.