

"Step Sheet: Searching the Internet"

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Follow these steps to make your Internet searches efficient.

Step 1

There are many "engines" that look for information on the web. Each engine searches the web a little differently, so asking different search engines the same question can result in different websites being identified as possible sources of information to answer your question.

Step 2

Ask your question as specifically as possible. To search for websites that include the word or phrase "cell" will result in hundreds of thousands of "hits" (sites that contain your key word or phrase). Be more specific. Ask for sites that contain the word(s):

- Cell organelles
- Prokaryotic cells
- Eukaryotic cells
- Animal cells
- Plant cells
- Nucleus
- Chloroplast
- Mitochondria
- Cell wall
- Cell membrane

Step 3

If the site you choose to look at has information you need, you can print the information, copy it to a file in your folder or on your disc, or bookmark it to come back later. Be efficient. Don't get lost.

Step 4

If the site does not have the information you need, click back to the list of possible sites and try another one. Don't get lost in reading material that does not apply to your question.

Step 5

Make sure you record the URL of the website you are using in your report so you can accurately reference the site in your report's bibliography.

Step 6

When you have enough information to start your project, get off the web and get to work!