



# Computing- Effective searches



## What is a search engine?

A search engine is a website or program that helps you find information on the internet. It looks through its database of web pages, finds matches to your keywords, and shows results in order of usefulness and reliability. Examples include Google, Bing, and Kiddle.



## How can you check if online information is trustworthy?

To check if information is reliable, first see who created it and whether they are a trusted source. Look at the date to make sure it's current and compare with other reputable sites. Ask if the content seems believable and whether the images or claims could be fake. Taking these steps helps avoid being misled.

## Key Resources



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## Key Vocabulary

### Internet

A global network of computers that share information from one device to another, anywhere in the world.

### Search Bar

The box where you type what you want to find out on a search engine.

### Crawl

How a search engine explores the web to find pages.

### Virtual Assistant Device

A computer program (software) that listens to your voice and answers questions or does tasks, like Alexa or Siri.

### Refine

To improve a search to get better results.

### Search Engine

A website that helps us find information on the internet such as Google or Kiddle.

### Exact Match

Search results that contain the exact words you typed (often in quotes).

### Relevance

How closely a result matches your search.

### Keywords

The most important words you type into a search engine to find information quickly.

### Snippet

The short description found under each search result.

### Fake News

False or misleading information made to look like real news or fact.

### Website

A collection of connected pages on the internet about a topic or a place.

### Reliable Source

A trustworthy place to get information.