

BASIC INTERNET SEARCHING

1. Comparing search engine results

Use the search phrase: how many people live in NSW on the following search engines, and list the number of results returned for each one.

a) Google(www.google.com) _____

b) Yahoo! (www.yahoo.com) _____

c) Ask Jeeves (www.askjeeves.com) _____

d) Alta Vista (www.altavista.com) _____

2a) If you wanted to know how many people live in NSW, would using the search phrase how many people live in NSW in a search engine be a good way of finding out? Why?

2b) Can you think of a better way of finding the number of residents in NSW?

3. Identifying authorship

Go to the page at <http://www.fno.org/dec06/covdec.html>

a) Who wrote the article? _____

b) When was it written? _____

c) Who do you think was the intended audience? _____

4. Write the citation (reference) that should be included if you were to quote from the article at: <http://ejc.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/11/3/283>
(Author name, date, title of article, place of publication)

5. Go to the Open Directory Project at www.dmoz.org

From the list of topics shown, write the most likely subject name from the listings where information related to journalism might be found.



6. Go to Kid's Click (www.kidsclick.org).

a) How is this page similar to the Open Directory Project?

b) How is the page different to the Open Directory Project?

c) Click on the link at the bottom of the Kid's Click page that says "What does this page look like through a librarian's eyes?" How could the information on the linked page help you find material in a library?

7. Go to Noodle Tools (www.noodletools.com) and click on the link for "Select the Best Search Engine for your needs".

What are the three link name suggestions if you need "personal help from an expert".



8. CHALLENGE QUESTION: Working with Statistics.

This is a tough one! Take the online Maths Test for Journalists

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How did you go? (Just a general comment)
