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Internet searching

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What is the Internet?

The internet is a huge library of information that you can access using a computer or a smartphone.
When you type a search query into the search bar, it quickly checks its collection of saved information and tries to find the most relevant websites that match your search.

Exercise 1:

Look on your phone and circle the app you use to search the internet. **Tip:** this App should be on your homepage .

Safari:

Chrome:

Google

Google search bar

You can use any of the above apps to search the internet - they all work the same

Exercise 2: Weather forecast

1. Tap to open your internet app

2. Tap on the search area

3. Type in the following: 'BBC weather Leeds'

4. Look at the list of search results. Tap on the BBC page

5. Check the weather forecast for the next few days and the hour by hour forecast

Exercise 3: What information can you find on Google?

 Pick two from the following list and search Google for information:

- Find a favourite recipe
- Research the history of a place you like to visit
- Find the opening times of your GP surgery
- Find 'Things to do in Leeds'
- Find the bus times from home to Leeds
- Research a hobby or interest

Or search for something else you are interested in.

Notes:

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How to use a website to find information

What is a Website

A website is like a book on information with a menu and search bar to help you find what you are looking for. It can also be a shop full of things that you can buy.

Understanding how to search a website will help you find the information you want fast. Read through the following and look for each one when you are looking at websites:

Menu:

- Look for a menu bar or a hamburger icon
- Tap on the menu to expand it and reveal the different sections or pages.
- Tap on a specific section or page in the menu to go to that page.

Website search:

To search on websites:

- Find the search box, often at the top, resembling a magnifying glass.
- Tap it to activate.
- Input your search term and press enter or tap the search button.
- The site will show results matching your query. Tap to access more info or other pages.

Question: When would the search option be useful in a website?

Back and forward buttons

To navigate websites:

- Locate back and forward buttons, usually with left and right arrows.
- They're typically at the top or bottom of the screen.
- Tap the back button to return to the previous page. Tap forward to proceed again.

Internal links

When encountering hyperlinked text or images on a webpage, known as links:

- Identify them, often **bold or underlined.**
- Tap on the link or image to navigate to another page within the same website.
- For instance, if you're reading an article and see a link labelled 'Read more', tapping it will lead you to the full article.

Glossary of words

Word	Meaning
Safari	An internet browser (such as Google Chrome)
Chrome	Another internet browser you can use to search the internet. Similar to Safari.
Google	A search engine that helps you find information on the internet
Google search bar	Where you can type in what you're looking for on the internet. It's often at the top of your search page or home page
Magnifying glass	A small icon that helps you search the internet. Look for it when you want to search for something
Menu	A list of options or pages on a website. You can usually find it at the top or side of the website
Links	Words or images that you can click on to go to another page on the same website
Back button / forward button	Make it easy for you to go back to the previous page you visited or move forward to the next one
Bookmark	You can bookmark a website you like to visit often. It's like adding it to your favourites so you can find it easily
URL	The 'address' of a website or page on a website, which looks like 'www.example.com'. You can type it into the search bar to go to a specific website or web page.
Download	When you download something from the internet, you save it to your device. For example, you might download apps, documents or pictures.
Upload	Sending something from your device to the internet. You might upload pictures to share on social media or documents to save online

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