


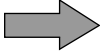

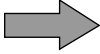



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Making Search Decisions

If...	Then...
<p>your topic is broad For example, <i>sports</i> is a broad topic and <i>women's soccer</i> is a narrow topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>go to a directory site (such as About, Lycos, Open Directory Project [www.dmoz.org] or Yahoo!). Choose a subject category that matches your topic. Then narrow your topic by browsing the sub-categories.</p>
<p>you know what you want but can't think of the name for it For example, you want to find the name of the people who parade in fancy costumes on New Year's Day.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>go to a directory to browse subject categories. You may find subjects that will lead you to the name you want.</p>
<p>you need to come up with a topic For example, your teacher has said you can write about anything you wish.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>browse the subject categories in a directory, selecting subcategories until you find a topic that seems just right.</p>
<p>your topic is narrow For example, <i>Chinese kite designs</i> is a narrow topic and <i>crafts</i> is a broad topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>go to a search service known for its huge index of sites (such as Alta Vista, Excite, Google, or HotBot) or a meta-search engine (such as Dogpile or Metacrawler) that will submit your search to many search engines at once. Enter your keywords into the search tool.</p>
<p>your topic is narrow and a proper noun The names of people, places, and organizations are proper nouns—for example, Queen Elizabeth II, Buckingham Palace, and The Royal Society.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>enter your keywords in quotation marks to make sure you get the whole name and not just one part of it.</p>
<p>your topic is narrow and an exact phrase For example, <i>water pollution</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>enter your phrase in quotation marks to make sure you get the whole phrase.</p>
<p>you want to search for all the keywords related to a single root For example, <i>astron</i> is the root for astronomy, astronomer, and astronaut.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>enter only the root of the word followed by an asterisk. The asterisk acts like a "wild card" telling the search engine to find any words with that root.</p>

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1. Michael plans to write his social studies report about American history. He knows his topic is too large to cover in a few pages. He has to zoom in on a smaller topic. Which of the search tips will be most helpful for this task?

Go to www.cybersmartcurriculum.org and click on the diamond. Find the title of this lesson and open its links. Using the tip you chose, find a topic for Michael's report. What topic did you choose?

How did you find the topic?

2. Elena plans to write her report about indentured servants in the American colonies. Which of the search tips will be most helpful for this task?

Using the tip you chose, find the titles of Web sites to help Elena. List the first three sites in your search results.

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Try the **advanced search** features at each search service. You'll get what you want **faster** than simply searching for a keyword.