

# Conducting a Search Online

Sometimes you need to find information for a school project, or curiosity has you wondering why the sky is blue. The Internet can be a great place to find out these types of information.

Let's learn how to do an Internet search safely and securely!

1. Get a parent's permission to get online! This is always an important first step for any online project.
2. Turn on your computer and open your Web browser.

**Important Vocab:** A Web browser is a program that allows you to look at information on the World Wide Web or Internet.

**Important Tip:** Two common Web browsers are Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator. Do you have either of these on your computer?

\*Go ahead and turn on your computer and open your Web browser now.

3. Type a kid-friendly search engine into the address bar.

**Important Vocab:** A search engine is a Web site that allows you to search online for the information you want.

**Important Vocab:** The address bar is at the top of your web page. Each Internet site has its own address, just like you have an address where you live. The address is what helps you find a Web site. For example: i-SAFE's Web address is [www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org).

**Important Tip:** It's important to use a kid-friendly search engine for several reasons: It will keep inappropriate material from coming up in your search, and it will help keep you safe and secure online.

## Kid-Friendly Search Engines:

[www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com)

[www.ajkids.com](http://www.ajkids.com)

[www.kidsclick.org](http://www.kidsclick.org)

**Picture:** Here is a picture to show you where to put in the Web address. Your screen may look different, so ask an adult if you need help.



\*Go ahead and type a kid-friendly Web search address into your address bar now. Try typing www.yahooligans.com.

**Important Tip:** Before hitting enter, double check that you have typed the address correctly. This is important so you don't go to the wrong site or an inappropriate site.

4. After the new page loads, type in your question or topic to research!

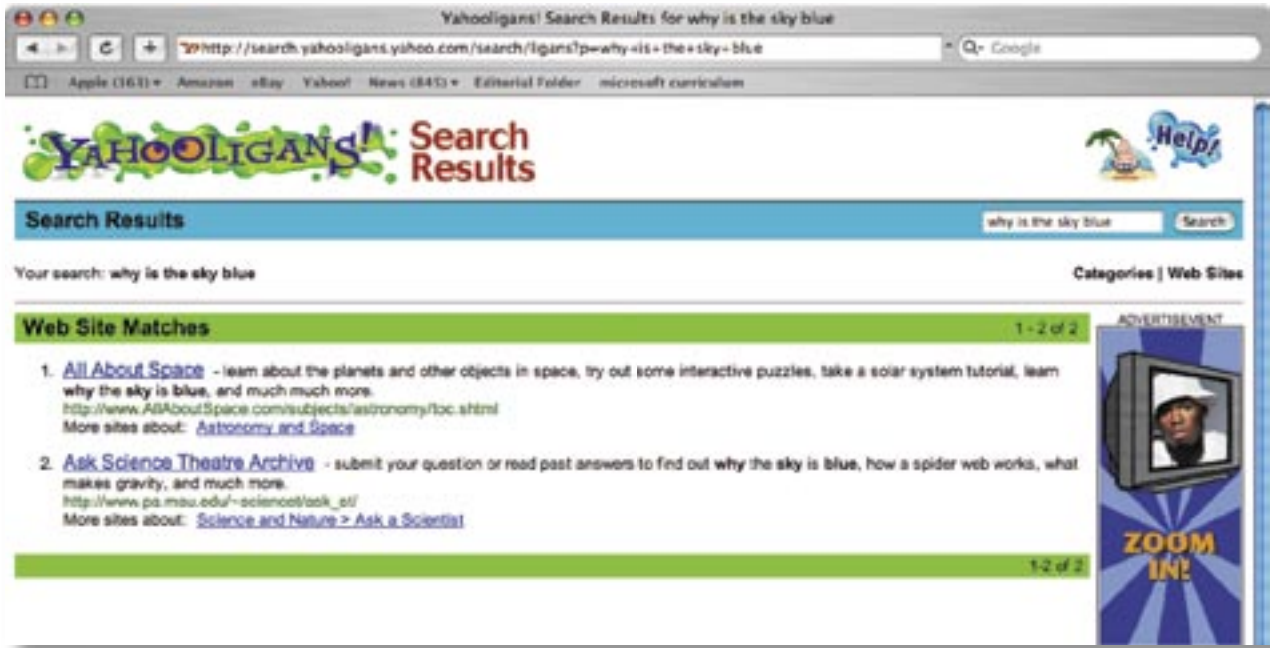
**Picture:** Here is a picture that shows you the page of a search engine and where to type in your question or topic.



\*Now it's your turn. Type your question or topic into the search engine window, and click search. For practice, type in, "Why is the sky blue?"

5. Once you hit enter, the search engine will bring back your results or web pages that contain information about your topic.

**Picture:** When we typed “Why is the sky blue?” into the search engine, these are the results we got.



6. Read the descriptions of the sites, and select one by clicking on the blue part of the title.

**Important Tip:** By reading the description, you can see if the site really will have the information you want or if it is really about something else.

7. Click on the link you select, and go to the site for the answers to your questions!

**\*Remember:** If you get stuck somewhere you don't want to be or the site is wrong, you can type the search engine into the address bar again and start over! **So, Why is the sky blue?**