Terms to be able to identify or define

Search engines  Online tools that sort through millions of websites to find information.

Google  The most commonly used search engine.

Search box  The central text box on the Google home page into which key words are typed when conducting searches.

Key words  Words typed into the search box that indicate the information for the search

Hits  Term referring to the number of search results. Each result is a “hit.”

Domain  Refers to the website type. The most common are .com, .gov, .edu, and .org.

Skills

Using a search engine  Using Google to perform basic searches

Focused search  Narrow your search by expanding the number of key words used and focusing the combination of words to produce exactly the information you want.

Evaluating websites  Evaluate the legitimacy and worth of each site you explore. First, note the domain to understand the intent of the site. Then examine the site for responsibility and objectivity, clarity and accuracy, currency, clear identification of authorship.