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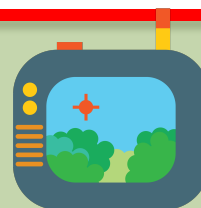
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Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers of **Mukwonago, Wisconsin!** We're happy you are using Infotopia.info, Infotrek.info and Kidtopia.info for your research needs!



https://www.infotopia.info/games_educational.html

Are your students looking for some online learning games? Try our recommended websites in the link above. Sadly, some of our favorites (Free Rice, for example) now require users to log in, so we have deleted those.

Try Edheads or Draw a Stickman if you've never experimented with those before! For Edheads, be sure to click on Games—Free Games. They have five free interactive STEM games, including Nano Startup, Manufacturing Technician, Sickle Cell DNA, Trauma, and Virtual Hip Resurfacing.



<https://edheads.org/>

Draw a stickman is an amazing, creative, interactive experience for users that involves drawing, reading, and using one's imagination!



<http://www.drawastickman.com/>

How Can I Improve My Google Searches?

<https://www.infotopiaworld.com/>

Most people agree that Google is an amazing search engine. However, most of us just enter a word or two and look for quick results on the first page. Most people don't understand how truly sophisticated a Google Search can be. By using a few simple techniques in your searches, you can have even better and more significant results from Google.

All of the really cool Google search tips and ideas listed below can be used on a Google Custom Search Engine, such as <https://www.infotopia.info> or <https://www.kidtopia.info>. In addition to accessing resources that are age-appropriate and pre-approved by teachers and librarians, all of the search techniques below work as well. Make your searches more powerful by trying some of these amazing search tips!

Search for an exact word or phrase

One of the easiest ways to improve a Google search is to use quotation marks to search for an exact word or a set of words. This works well if you are looking for a line from a book or poem, song lyrics, and if you are looking for an exact word or phrase. Example: **"For whom the bell tolls"**

Exclude a Word or Website

One of the easiest ways for students to make a mistake when searching via Google is to use an ambiguous words or a word with several connotations. To exclude a word, type the keyword and a space, and then type a minus or dash sign plus the word you want to exclude. If you want to exclude a website in the results, use the same technique, but use **-site:** followed by the website to be excluded. Examples: **mercury -planet** or **climate -site:wikipedia.org**

Use a Wildcard

If you want to fill in the blank for a quotation or a phrase you are looking for, use an asterisk (*). Be sure to enclose the phrase in quotation marks. This is sometimes called a "wildcard." Example: **"A rose by any other*"**

Use OR

To include several related words in a keyword search, use OR in all capital letters. Example: **teenager OR adolescent**

Next month: Part 2

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<https://www.infotopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopiagames.com>

<https://www.infotrek.info>

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<https://www.kidtopiagames.com/>

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They just click on the topic, the topic enters itself into the search box, and then the student simply presses "Search." Try it out!



Thanks for supporting us. See you in 2020!