

## Internet Follow-up

### *How to find what you are looking for*

#### Google

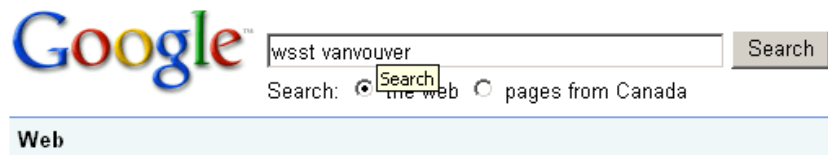
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Google is a popular search engine that finds web pages and websites throughout the internet. Google searches can be specifically for web pages, images videos, news, and maps.

All you need to do is type in the information that you want to find (ex. West Vancouver)

#### Tips

- If you make a spelling mistake Google will try to find out what you meant.



- Just click on the correct spelling to get the search results that you need.
- *Be specific*
  - If you are looking specifically for swimming lessons at UBC, make sure you type in “swimming lessons UBC”
- *Try other words*
  - If you cannot find what you are looking for, try another term. Ex. Instead of “Cat” try “domestic cat” or “wild cat” or “feline”.
- *Use quotation marks*
  - Google searches each word individually, so a search for West Vancouver will bring up all pages containing “West” and “Vancouver”. Use quotation marks around the words that you want searched together. “West Vancouver”.
- Google searches are not case-sensitive.
  - For example, “west vancouver” is the same as “West Vancouver”.
- “A”, “And”, “The”
  - Common words, like those above and some others (who/what/where/when/why), are not included in a Google search. If you really need that word in the search add a “+” directly before the word that you want to include. Ex. +the raven to find “The Raven”.

## Tricks

You can use Google to easily find some specific types of information.

Visit: “Google Search Extras”


<http://www.google.com/help/features.html>

Some examples:

- **Time:** in the search box type in “time London” to get the time in London, England (also London, Ontario and London, Arkansas).
- **Currency:** in the search box type in “150 CAD in USD” to get the current exchange rate between Canadian and US dollars. You can use any currency amount.
- **Weather:** in the search box type in “weather West Vancouver” to get the current weather forecast.




## Find Your Way in Google Maps

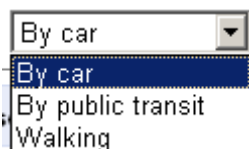
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- You can use Google Maps to locate a place or to find directions.
- Google Maps has mapped the planet through satellite images. Some areas more so than others. All of the images used are older, so you don't have to worry about someone seeing you!
- The default map is just a regular map with roads and labels, but you can also view a satellite version or a terrain version by selecting those options at the top right of the map.
- To zoom in and out use the + and - signs at either end of the latter, the  indicates how far you have zoomed in.
- To move in any direction use the circle with direction allows above the zooming tool. Or you can right-click and hold the button to move the map around.



## Get Directions

- Click on the “Get Directions” button
- Fill in your starting destination “A” and your end destination “B”
- Click on the “Get Directions” button
- You can  [Print](#)  [Send](#)  [Link](#) the map or directions.
- Locally you can also get transit schedules as well. Just type in your start and end points and then choose “public transit” from the drop-down menu.

A screenshot of the Google Directions input form. It features two input fields labeled 'A' and 'B'. Below the fields are links for 'Add Destination' and 'Show options'. A dropdown menu is set to 'By car', and a 'Get Directions' button is visible on the right.

## Find Answers

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### Wikipedia

- <http://www.wikipedia.org/>
- Wikipedia is a free online encyclopaedia and a great place to start researching a topic.
- This is a community website, meaning that anyone can add information! All you need to do to participate is create an account.
- The creators of Wikipedia like to be able to monitor the truthfulness of the website; you can report inaccuracies and the articles will be “flagged” for improvements.
- If you see one of these symbols at the top of an article beware!



### About.com

- <http://www.about.com/>
- This website is maintained by staff members, called “guides” who are knowledgeable in a subject.

### Search Engines

- Ask.com: <http://www.ask.com>
- Bing: <http://www.bing.com>
- Yahoo!: <http://www.yahoo.com>
- Any of the above search engines work as well as Google; they may just search in a different way, or have the results in a different order.

When using a search engine to find out information on a topic, you will get the Wikipedia and About.com pages on the topic in your search results.

## Researching at the Library

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All of the available library databases are located in the “Research Centre” portion of the website.

To use the databases at the library you just need to be logged into a computer. To use the databases at home you need to have your library card available to log in. This is to ensure that only West Vancouver library users are using the databases.

A few databases can only be used at the library, like the Ancestry database. This is due to the cost of the database.

### *Information by Topic and Databases A-Z:*

- Choosing “**Info by Topic**” allows you to start your search by choosing your subject, and then from the best database available that is related to that subject.
- Choosing “**Databases A-Z**” gives a list of all of the databases available at the library.

### *Magazines and Newspapers:*

- These databases cover not only Canadian magazine and newspaper articles, but articles in scholarly journals and newspapers from around the world!

### *Encyclopaedias and Dictionaries:*

- These databases cover a variety of subjects, but are primarily scholarly in nature. Use them to research a project or learn more about a topic in one of the online encyclopaedias!

### *eBooks:*

- The links in this section will take you to various websites that have eBooks, audiobooks, as well as some free music databases.
- Some can be read online, others can be downloaded to your computer at home or an iPod or MP3 player.



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**Books @ the Library:** All of our Internet Books are located in the Mezzanine under 004.486.