

## 2.2 Introduction to the Net (II)

<b>Aim:</b>	To introduce Web searching skills
<b>Focus:</b>	Question forms
<b>Level:</b>	Lower-intermediate and above
<b>Time:</b>	60 minutes
<b>Sites:</b>	<a href="http://www.yahoo.com">http://www.yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.google.com">http://www.google.com</a> <a href="http://www.ask.com">http://www.ask.com</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	Your students will often want to find specific information on the Internet. This activity teaches them how to search using different search pages. Note that the <i>Trivia quiz</i> used to introduce the activity will need to be adapted to suit your group.

### Procedure

Use a trivia quiz like the one below to generate interest. How well can your students do? It's a good idea to include some questions they are certain to be able to answer without using the Net as well as some they probably won't.

Introduce students to the different ways of searching using Google, Yahoo! and Ask (see *Section 1* for a reminder) and give them time to practise with the three sites. In groups, students try to finish the trivia quiz you've given them. When they have finished, give them some time to search for things they want to look at. The sample quiz below can be shortened to fit the time available, or you might like to try giving students a limited time to answer as many as possible, then pooling results to see if the class as a whole has managed to answer all of them.

In groups, students prepare a trivia quiz for their colleagues to do. This is a good opportunity to do some work on question forms. When the quizzes are ready, students can have a quick return visit to the Internet to practise their newly-acquired search skills.

### Follow-on

When the *Trivia quiz* has been done, students can prepare a similar quiz for you to try. In multinational groups, each country can be represented by a question for you to answer.

### Variations

This activity can easily be adapted for younger learners by substituting the search sites for Yahoooligans! (<http://yahooligans.yahoo.com>), Ask Kids (<http://www.ajkids.com>) and Lycos Kids (<http://www.lycoszone.com>).

**Trivia quiz – searching on the Web**

- 1 What was the name of the 23rd president of the United States?
- 2 Who invented the aspirin?
- 3 How many players are there in a basketball team?
- 4 What's the capital of Australia?
- 5 What's the weather like in Paris today?
- 6 How many albums have the Rolling Stones recorded?
- 7 What product is Jamaica famous for?
- 8 Which film won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1996?
- 9 Who was the first person in space?
- 10 Who wrote *One Hundred Years of Solitude*?
- 11 Who is the prime minister of Poland?
- 12 What is the current number one single in the UK?
- 13 How many American dollars (US\$) make 10 Euros (€)?
- 14 What's the top news story in Australia today?
- 15 Where is Manitoba?

Use any of the search pages to find the answers you don't know.

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