

Section 3: The Internet

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Find a Public Computer

You can use the Internet at a computer at most public libraries. To find a list of libraries near you, go to www.njlibraries.org and put your zip code in the search bar. For other states, visit www.publiclibraries.com/.

You can pay to use the Internet at an Internet café, or cybercafé. At most places you pay by the hour. Go to www.cybercaptive.com/ to find a list of Internet cafés in your state.

If you have a laptop, you can connect to the internet for free at many public libraries and some businesses. Panera Bread, for instance, offers free wireless. Visit www.wififreespot.com for a list of places with free Internet connections.

Some stores also have free Internet cafés for their customers, such as certain Kmart, Sears, and Wal-Mart stores.

Internet café -

A place where you can pay to use a computer with Internet access. Sometimes Internet cafés are places where you can also buy food and drinks, but sometimes an Internet café is just a room with computers.

Get Connected to the Internet at Home

To use the Internet at home you must have:

A connection to the Internet through an ISP (Internet Service Provider) and a browser application on your computer that gives you the tools to move around the Internet.

You will also need a modem.
You can get the modem from the ISP.

Internet Service Provider (ISP)-

An ISP provides your access to the Internet. It can be a telephone company or a cable company. The ISP charges a fee for the service.

There are three ways to connect to the Internet:

1. **Dial-up Service** - Find an ISP in your area with a local telephone number (you do not want to pay long distance telephone charges for calling your ISP). This is a very slow way to connect, but also the cheapest way.

You also need a modem attached to your computer so that your computer can connect to your ISP's computer using the telephone line.

The modem dials up the ISP and a connection is made between the computers.

You are now connected. While you are on the Internet your phone line will be busy.

Get Connected to the Internet at Home

2. **DSL** - This method of connecting to an ISP also uses the telephone line but does not tie up your telephone line.

You cannot get DSL everywhere. It depends on your telephone company. DSL is more expensive than dial-up but it is also a much faster connection.

3. **Cable-modem** – You can also connect through your cable company. The cable modem connects your computer with the cable line coming into your house.

This does not tie up your telephone line. It also costs more than a dial-up service and is also a high-speed connection like the DSL connection.

You may have a network connection at work. The physical connection is through the cabling in the walls so a modem is not necessary in these cases.

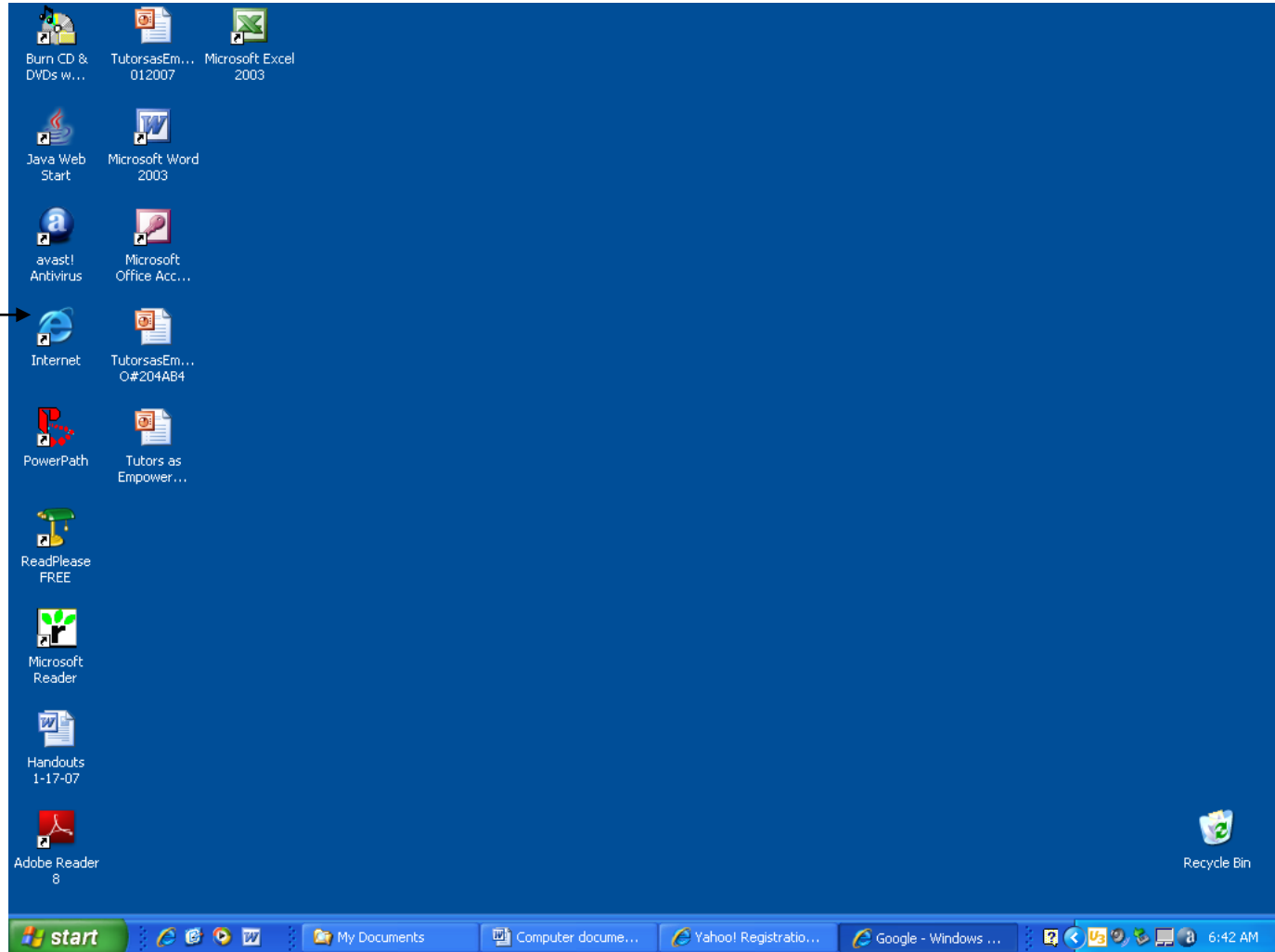
Once you are connected to the Internet, you need a tool to move around the Internet.

A common browser application is Internet Explorer. There are other browser applications, such as Netscape and Firefox.

Open Internet Explorer

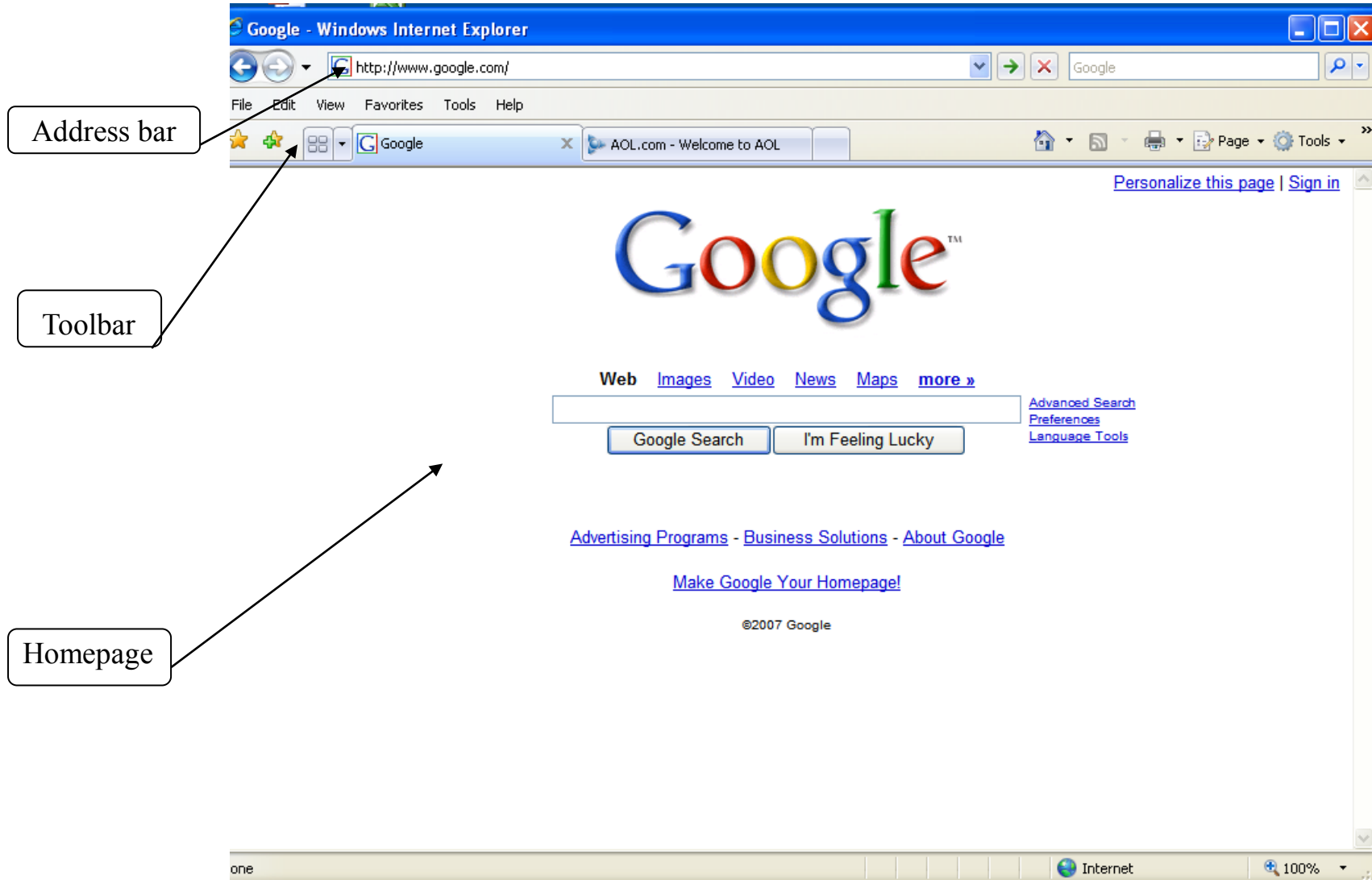
To open Internet Explorer, double-click on the icon on the desktop.

Double-click on the Internet Explorer icon.



Move Around on the Internet

The first webpage you see is the homepage.

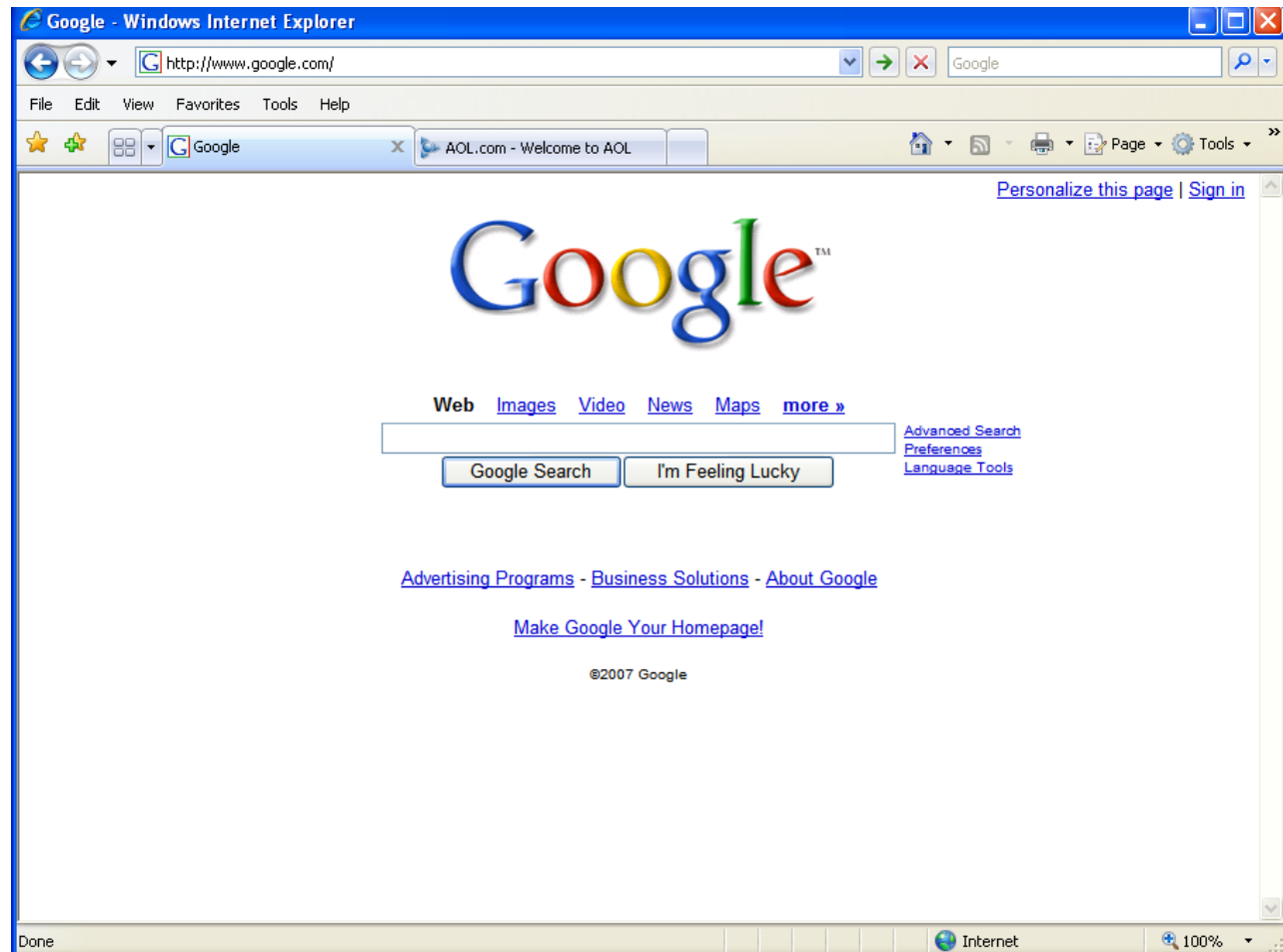


Move Around on the Internet

Moving from webpage to webpage on the Internet can be done in several ways.

Type in a website address into the address bar and press the **Enter** key.

Website addresses usually start with **www**. This stands for worldwide web.



Move Around on the Internet



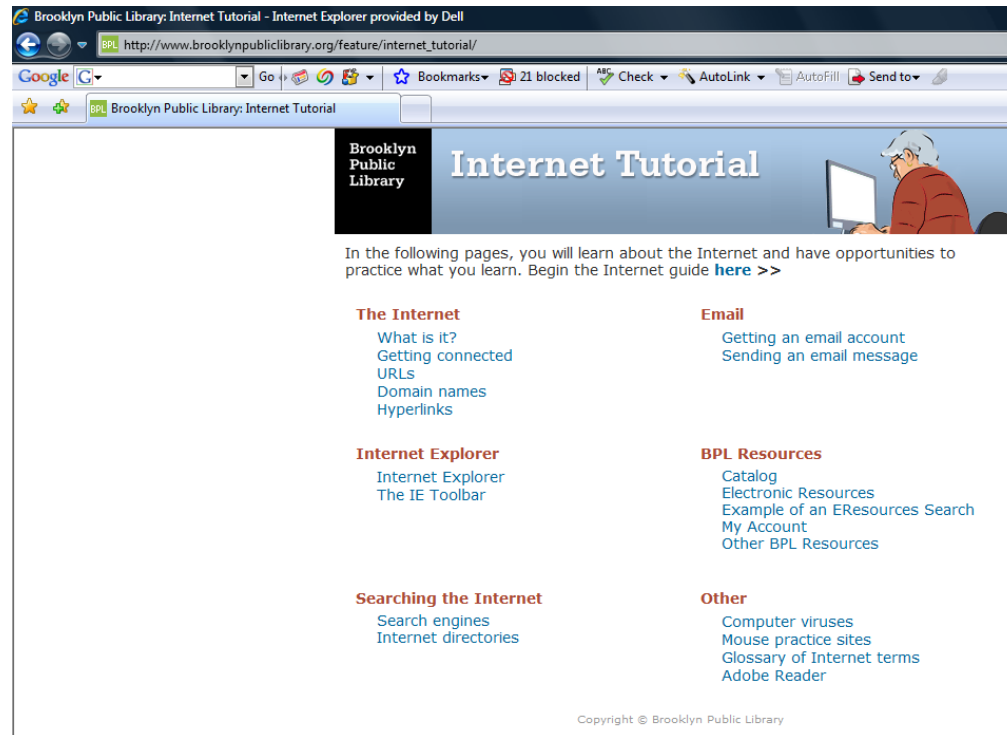
Try It Out!

Practice typing a web address.

Here is a site that is a good place to learn about using the Internet.

Type the address in
the address bar:

www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/feature/internet_tutorial/



Move Around on the Internet

Click on a **link** on a webpage to go to a different webpage.

(A hyperlink is usually called a **link**).

If you click on the link for the Learning Edge, you will see this page with a list of newspapers to read.

Each one of these is a link.

Links

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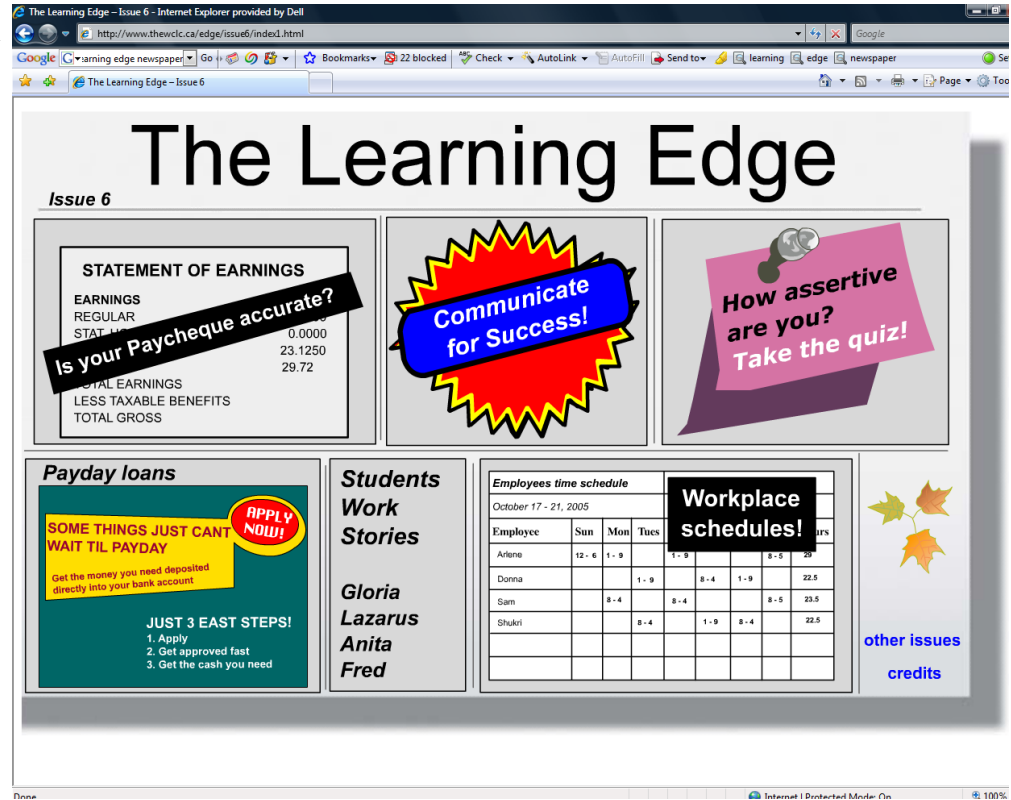
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Move Around on the Internet

When you click on a link, you will see a newspaper.

Use the **Back** button to go back to the list of newspapers.



The Back button -

takes you back to the last page you looked at.



Move Around on the Internet



Try It Out!

Practice using **links** and the **Back** and **Forward** buttons.

1. Type this address into the address bar:

www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/course/browser/buttons/buttons.shtml

2. Click *start* to take this course on using buttons.

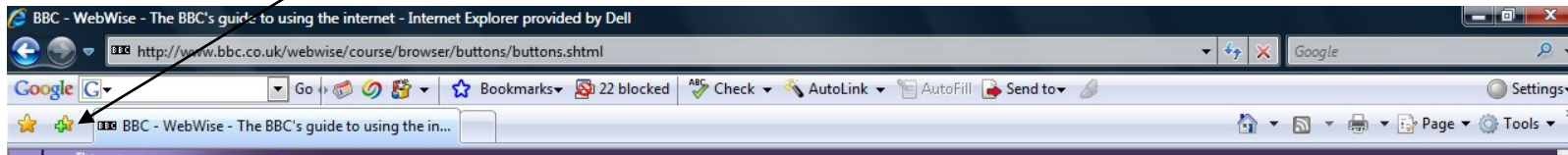


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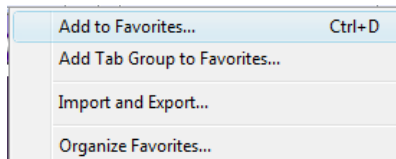
Add a website to your Favorites.

When you start to use the Internet a lot, you may want to put websites you like in your favorites so you can find them again easily.

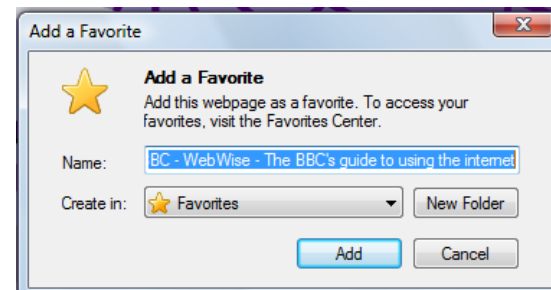
1. Click on this symbol  on the toolbar:



2. Click Add to Favorites.

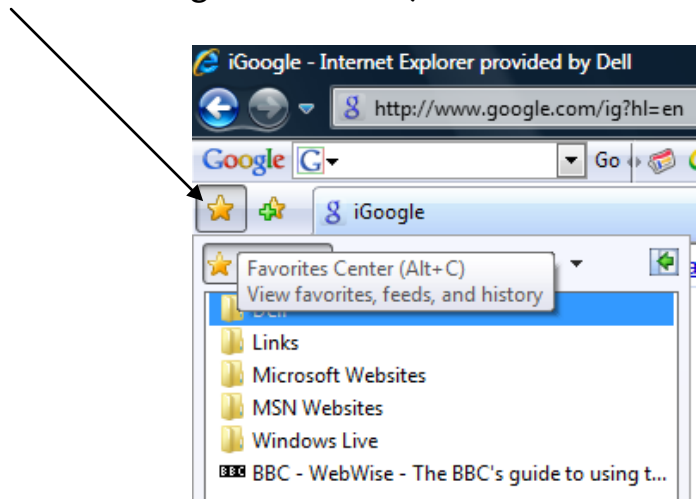


3. Click Add.



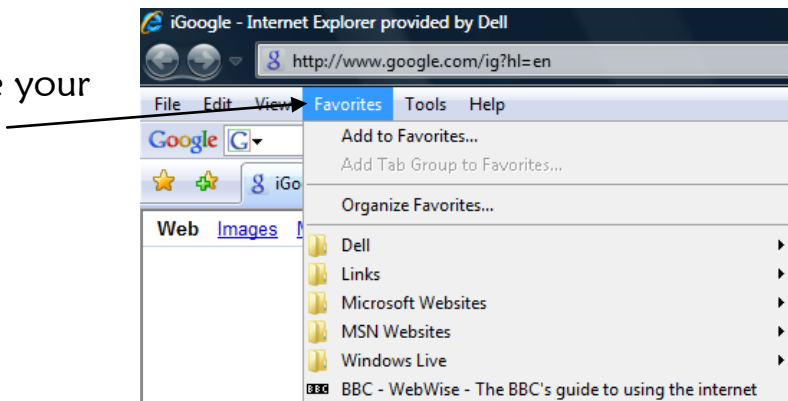
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Use the **Favorites** list to go to one of your saved websites.



Click on your favorite website in the list to go to it.

You can also click on the word **Favorites** to add websites or see your list of websites.



Search the Internet

The Internet has many sites where you can search for information. Some of the more popular search engine sites are:

- ◆ www.google.com
- ◆ www.msn.com
- ◆ www.altavista.com
- ◆ www.dogpile.com
- ◆ www.lycos.com

All search engines on the Internet work in much the same way. You will type a keyword (or words) into a search field and click on **Search** or hit **Enter** on your keyboard.

The search tool will search the Internet for any websites that have the keyword that you typed. It will show a list of websites.

Search engines and search tools -

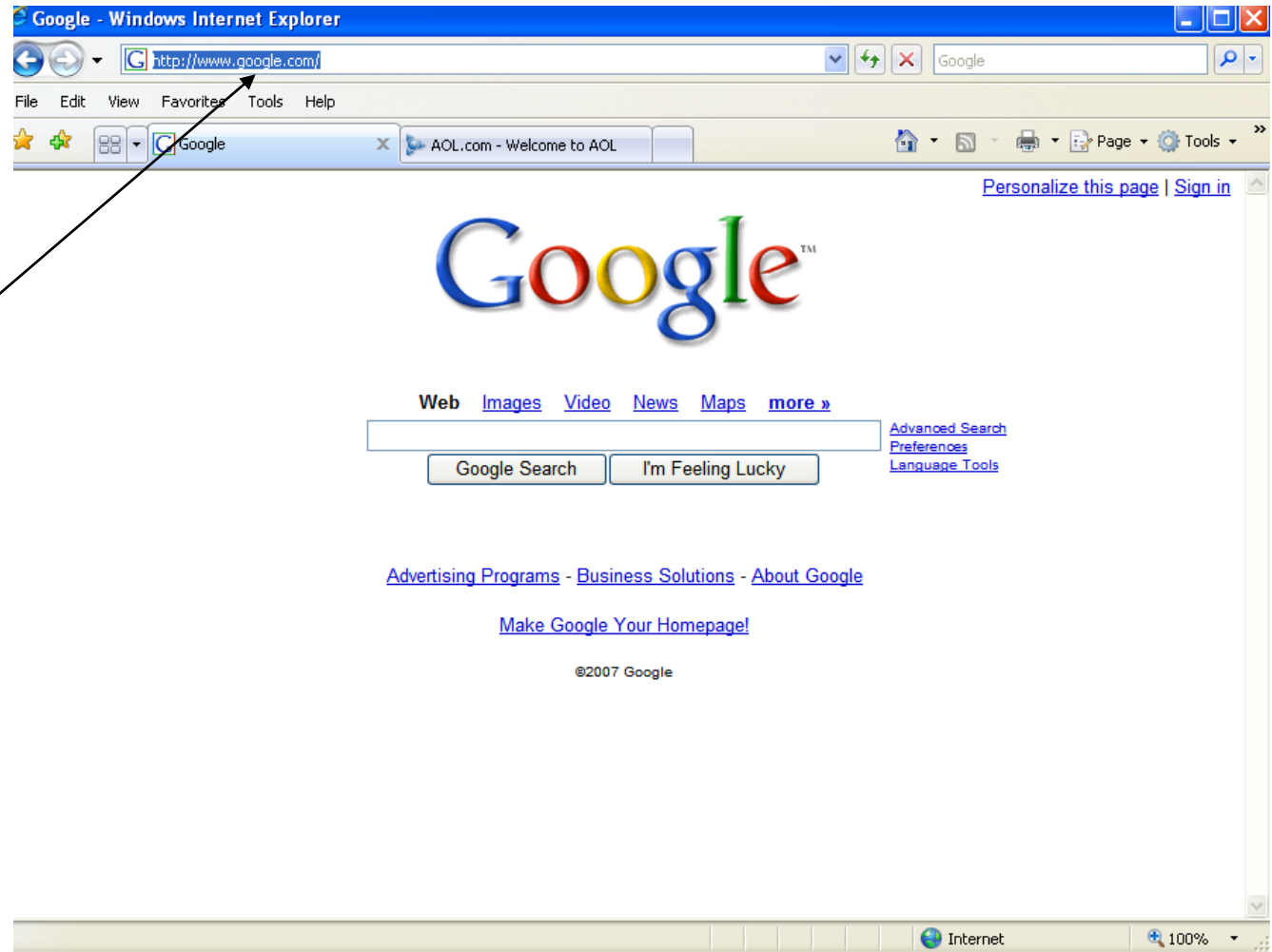
ways to find information on the Internet.

Search the Internet

1. Open Internet Explorer.

2. Type www.google.com into the address field.

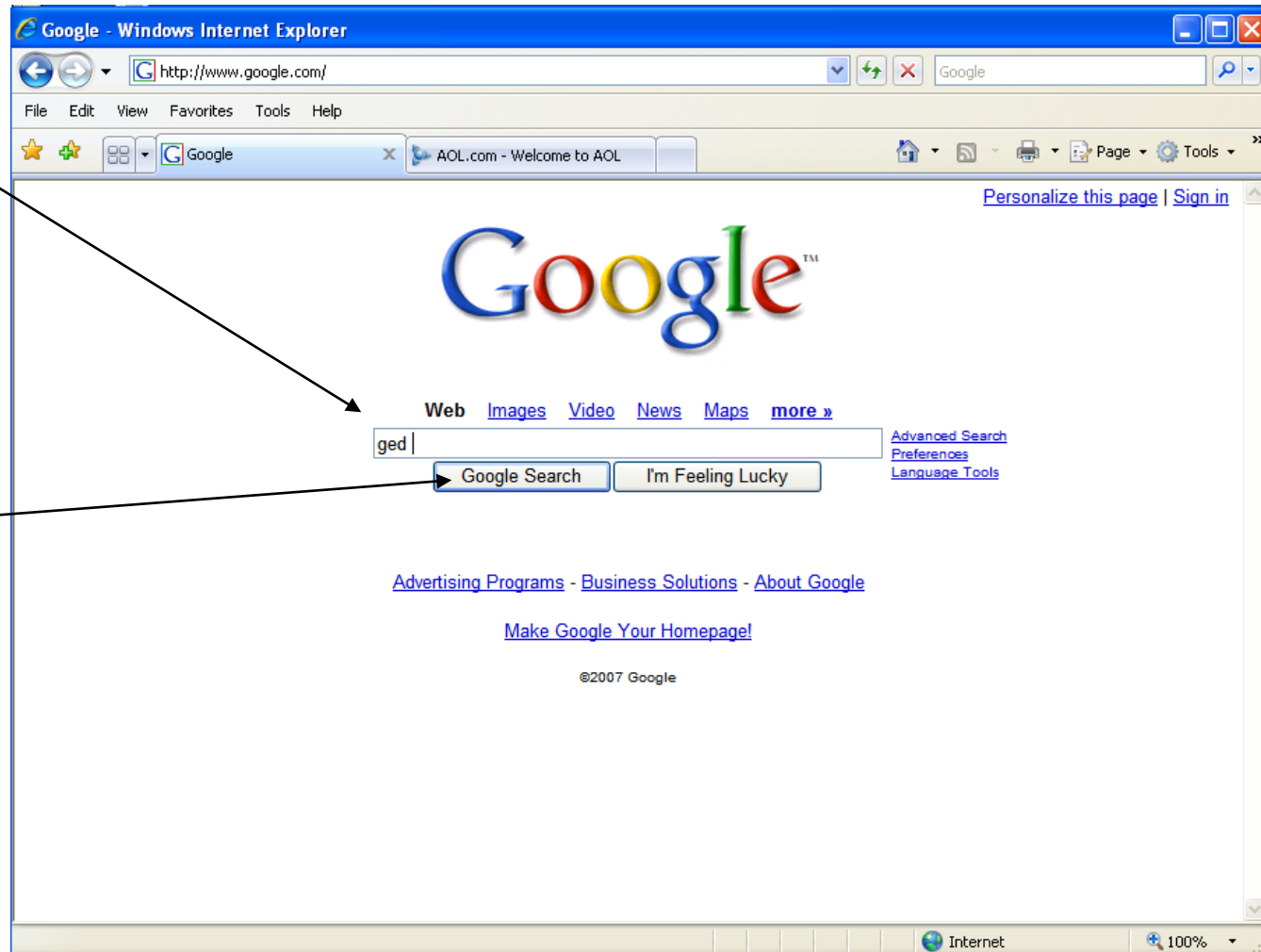
Press the **Enter** key.



Search the Internet

3. Type a keyword in the search bar.

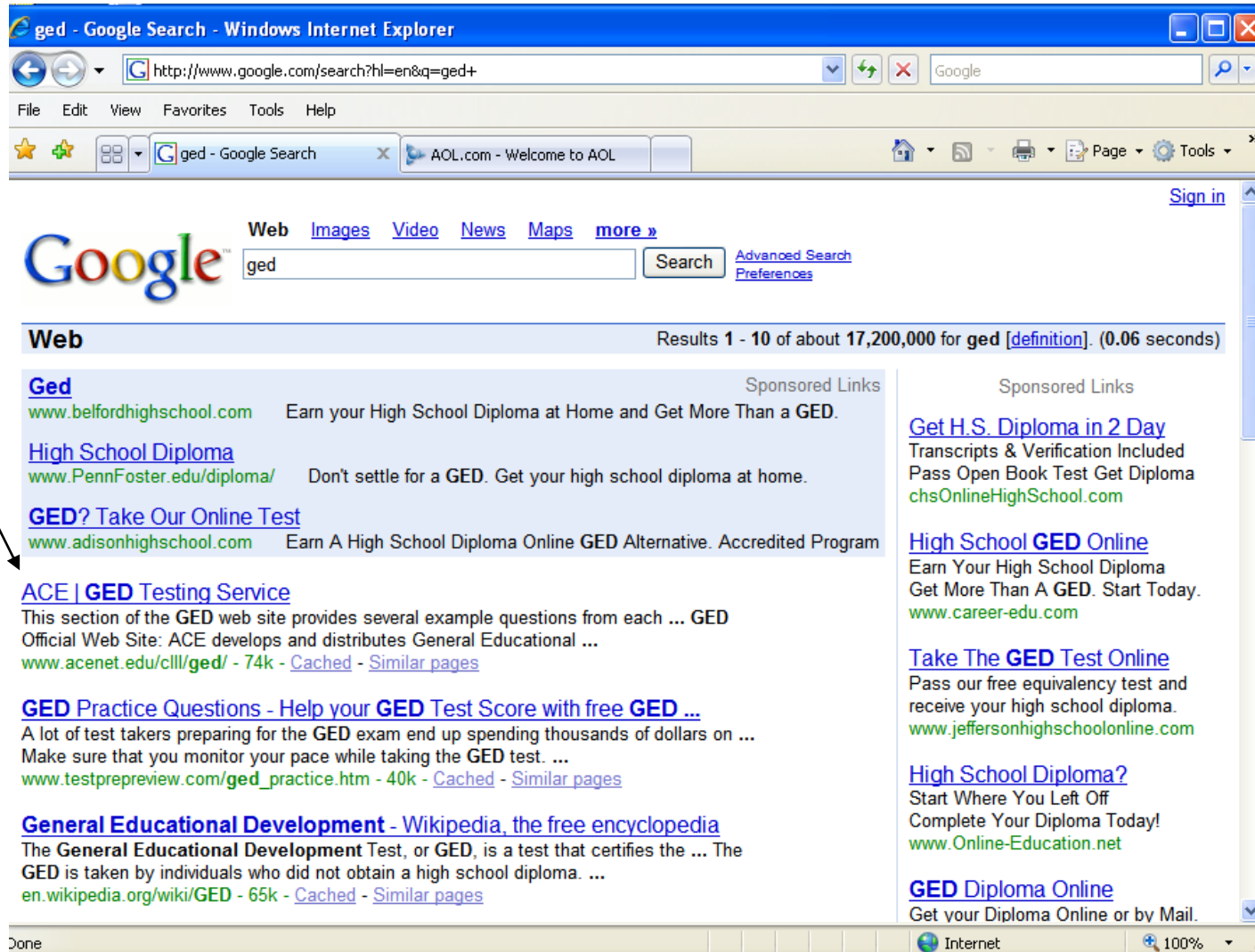
4. Click on the Google Search button.



Search the Internet

The search will return a list of websites that contain the keyword.

5. Click on the link to go to the website.



Search the Internet



Try It Out!

Practice doing a search on the Internet.

Try these keywords. Type them in the search bar and see what kinds of lists you get:

flowers
New Jersey
soccer
Billy Collins

Notice that there are different kinds of websites in the list. Some websites are made to give information. Others want to sell things.

When you type in flowers you get a lot of places to buy flowers. After you go down the list, you start to see websites with information about flowers.

Evaluate a Website

How can you tell if a website is a good web site?

There are so many websites and so much information on the Internet it can be confusing. Sometimes it's hard to tell which website is a good one. Some things you can ask are:

What kind of site is this?

You can tell some things about a website by looking at the ending of the address. For example:

- .com (a business)
- .org (a non-profit organization)
- .gov (a government agency)
- .edu (a school)

Who made this website?

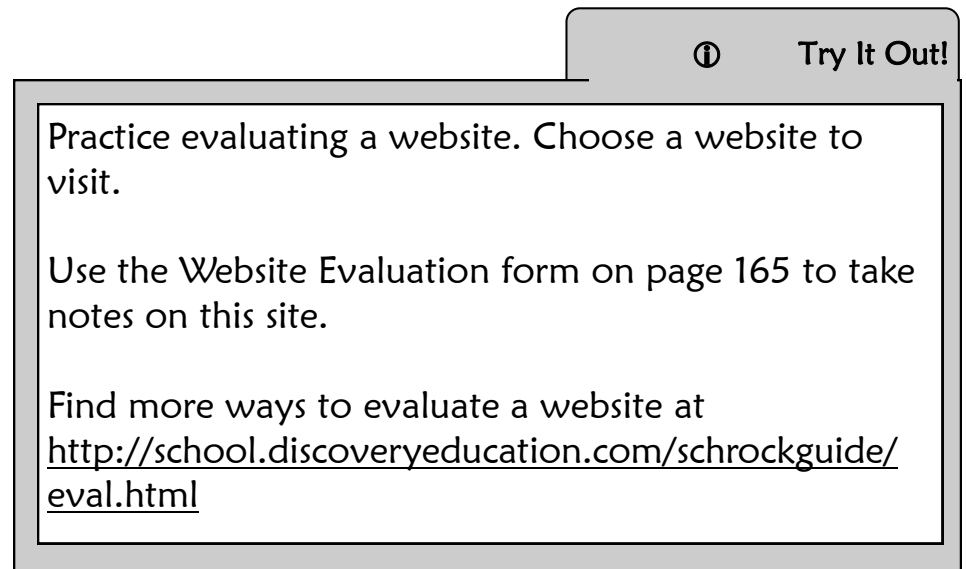
Does it have an author? Is it part of a business?

What is the purpose of this site?

Why was it made?

When was the information put on the site?

(Look for a date when it was last updated.)



Try It Out!

Practice evaluating a website. Choose a website to visit.

Use the Website Evaluation form on page 165 to take notes on this site.

Find more ways to evaluate a website at <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/eval.html>

Use the Internet Safely

Be safe when you are using the Internet

Don't store your ID or password on any computer that someone else uses.

Create "strong" passwords. Passwords should be at least 7 characters (letters and numbers). Don't use real words.

If you need to type in private information, such as your credit card, look for the "lock" to make sure you are connected to a secure website.



Protect your computer

Anti-virus, anti-spyware, and firewall are three kinds of software you can put on your computer to stop people from breaking in to your computer through the internet.

To learn more, visit www.getsafeonline.org/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=1490

Keep your children safe

Visit this website for advice about teaching your children to use the Internet safely: www.besafeonline.org/

Anti-virus/anti-spyware software/firewall -

Checks email messages for attached viruses.

Checks files as they are opened or created to make sure they are not infected.

Stops people from hacking (breaking in to) your computer.