

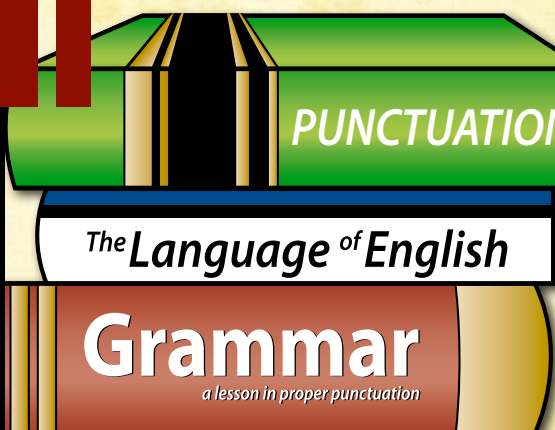
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**A Guide On
How To:**

**Use Search
Engines**

- Search Engines
- The Invisible Web



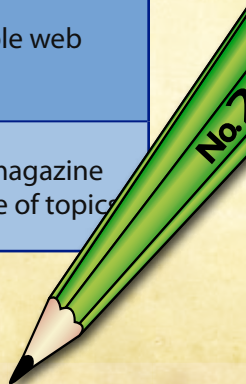
Search Engines

The term “google” has transformed into a verb – to “google” now means to search for something on the Internet. However, there are several other quality engines to use. From Purdue’s OWL (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>), here’s a good list:

| General Search Engines: | |
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| All4One <i>http://www.all4one.com</i> | Simultaneously search 10 major search engines |
| Alta Vista <i>http://www.altavista.com</i> | Search for web sites, audio, video, and news; also search by location and language |
| Environment Web Directory <i>http://www.webdirectory.com</i> | Environmental and health issues |
| Excite <i>http://www.excite.com</i> | Search by language, for video, audio, and mp3, and by relevant date |
| Lycos <i>http://www.lycos.com</i> | Search for news |
| Metacrawler <i>http://www.metacrawler.com</i> | A metasearch engine will check other search engines |
| The Open Directory Project <i>http://www.dmoz.org</i> | One of the largest and most comprehensive human-edited directories in the world |
| Web Crawler <i>http://www.webcrawler.com</i> | Search by location, domain name, and for multimedia. |

In addition to these engines, there are certain Web sites that can direct you to sources not otherwise found. This “invisible web” can be accessed using the following sources:

| Search Engines for the Invisible Web: | |
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| Alexa <i>http://www.alexa.com</i> | Archives older web sites that are no longer available on the Internet |
| Complete Planet <i>http://completeplanet.com</i> | Provides an extensive listing of databases |
| The Directory of Open Access Journals <i>http://www.doaj.org</i> | A searchable database of full-text journals |
| Find Articles <i>http://www.findarticles.com</i> | Indexes over 10 million articles from a variety of different publications |
| Find Law <i>http://www.findlaw.com</i> | Provides information on legal issues organized by category |
| HighWire <i>http://highwire.stanford.edu</i> | Provides access to one of the largest databases of free, full-text, scholarly content |
| Infomine <i>http://infomine.ucr.edu</i> | A research database that includes both a browse-able catalogue and searching capabilities |
| Invisible Web Database <i>http://www.invisible-web.net</i> | Provides links to invisible web resources |
| MagPortal <i>http://magportal.org</i> | Search for free online magazine articles on a wide range of topics |



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