

# Internet Step by Step 2

## Initiation to Internet 2

Duration : 150 minutes

### SEARCHING FOR INFORMATION

Because the web contains vast amounts of information, it is essential to use tools that will allow access to information quickly and efficiently.

By using the "Help" function in the tools you consult you will discover ways in which to maximize your searches.

### GOOGLE

Google is a search engine. It enables the search of information on the Web. Its powerful computer scans web pages, indexes the information and stocks it for future use.

#### Characteristics

- It inventories billions of Web pages
- The search commences by typing keywords in the search box. Google then scans for the requested information amongst all the stocked Web pages.
- The organization and the evaluation of the information is entirely taken over by the computer, there is no human input.

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#### Goals :

- To get familiar with search engines such as Google
- To be able to do basic searches using Google
- To know and explore other search and information tools such as databases and online resources

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## How to use Google:

Type in the following address in the search box : [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca)

To make your search more efficient, use more than one word. For example, if you wish to know what attractions to visit in the region, *type in* **tourism monteregie**.

This search signifies that you wish to obtain Web sites that must contain the words **tourism** and **monteregie**. To obtain different results, try using other keywords, for instance **brossard**, **south shore**, and **vacation**. See what results you get.

1. To exclude a word, insert a – (minus sign) in front of the word. For example: **museum –art** will search for all Websites dealing with museums with the exception of art museums.
2. A white space between two words tells the search engine to find the Websites that have **all the words** that were asked for.

### Other characteristics:

- Does not distinguish a minuscule from a majuscule.
- Ignores words that have no particular meaning (the, my, of, etc.)
- Ignores diacritical marks such as “accents” and cedillas

## Exercise 1

Context: You are planning a trip in the province of Quebec and you want to obtain information on its different tourism regions, restaurants, places to stay, etc. You want to consult Tourism Quebec’s Website but you do not know the address.

Go to the Google Webpage at: [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca).

Type in **tourism quebec** in the search box.

Click on Google Search.

### Google gives you the results of your search.

Look at the results suggested by Google. The first one is for Tourism Quebec ([www.bonjourquebec.com](http://www.bonjourquebec.com)). Click on the link to get to its Webpage.

On the Tourism Quebec Webpage, select **Québec (English)**.

Place your mouse on **Explore** and then click on **Montreal, Quebec, the regions**. You will see a map of Quebec’s tourism or administrative regions as well as a list on the left hand side.

Select the region of Charlevoix.

Name a manor in Charlevoix: \_\_\_\_\_

(hint: find the link to the casino on the page)

Find the Website for Isle-aux-Coudres and write down its address:

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(Hint: Look carefully at the bottom of the page)

## Exercise 2

Context: This summer you want to visit Fort Chambly and you would like to discover the activities it has to offer.

Go to the Google Webpage at: [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca)

Type in **fort chambly** in the search box.

**Google gives you the results of your search.**

Look at the results suggested by Google. The first one is for **Parks Canada**. Click on the link to get to its Webpage.

Name the two permanent exhibitions:

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(**Hint:** On the Fort Chambly Webpage, look on the left-hand side and click on **Activities**).

## Other Tools

There exists on the Web a great number of research tools. A few of them are listed below.

Type of Information	Name	Address
Dictionaries	Cambridge Dictionary	<a href="http://www.dictionary.cambridge.org">www.dictionary.cambridge.org</a>
	Merriem-Webster Dictionary	<a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com/">www.merriam-webster.com/</a>
Encyclopaedias	Canadian Encyclopaedia	<a href="http://www.canadianencyclopedia.ca">www.canadianencyclopedia.ca</a>
	Encyclopaedia Britannica	<a href="http://www.britannica.com">www.britannica.com</a>
Government Sources	Canada	<a href="http://www.canada.gc.ca">www.canada.gc.ca</a>
	Canada Post	<a href="http://www.canadapost.ca">www.canadapost.ca</a>
	Quebec	<a href="http://www.gouv.qc.ca">Www.gouv.qc.ca</a>
Phone numbers	Canada 411	<a href="http://www.canada411.ca">www.canada411.ca</a>
Statistics	Statistics Canada	<a href="http://www.statcan.gc.ca">www.statcan.gc.ca</a>

## Databases

There are other sources of information that you can obtain for free at the library. These resources are also available for free from your home if you have a computer.

For example, if you want to consult online newspaper articles, you can access the Canadian Reference Centre database which combines Canadian magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books.

## RIB-Réseau Internet de Brossard

The Brossard Municipal Library offers beginner courses on computer use and the Internet that serve as a good background for the more advanced courses offered by the George-Henri-Brossard and Nathalie-Croteau Community Centres which are members of the RIB. For further information, contact the RIB at (450) 656-3348 or visit their Website at <http://www.rib-brossard.org>

# Answers

## Exercise 1

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Adresse: [www.tourismeisleauxcoudres.com](http://www.tourismeisleauxcoudres.com) (go to the bottom of the page and in the section entitled Useful Links click on Isle-aux-coudres).

## Exercise 2

The Fort, and the Discovery Tour (click on the activities link on the left-hand side of the page or on the image).