

Searching in Online Encyclopedias World Book Student Encyclopedia

<i>Skills Category</i>	Searching World Book Student Encyclopedia
<i>Grade Level</i>	4th
<i>Time Required</i>	15 minutes
<i>Objectives</i>	Students will increase their understanding of online encyclopedia searches.
<i>Materials Needed</i>	Projector Bookmarks for World Book Online
<i>Preparation</i>	Become familiar with the searches before you present this lesson.
<i>Procedure</i>	1. <u>Review</u>

Do you remember about World Book encyclopedia searches?

You can use the World Book site at school or at home. To use the World Book at home you will need to know the username and password on the bookmark we will give you today. Please keep this bookmark so that you can explore some exciting subjects at home with your family.

2. Lesson

Let's do a **Google** search on **fossils**.

Wait a minute. What kind of fossils are we talking about? Do we want Fossil watches or fossil remains? Google can be confusing can't it?

Now let's do an online encyclopedia search for fossils.

Let's go to World Book: (<http://www.worldbookonline.com>)
Which encyclopedia should we use? Today, let's try a World Book Student Encyclopedia search. This is a great choice for your grade. It is more advanced than the Kids Encyclopedia we showed you last year. It has more details about the topics.

Let's type 'fossil' in our search box.

Does this information look like the right kind of fossil? Yes it does. There are several related articles on fossils.

Let's look at the first article. (Scroll from top to bottom) There is a lot of information about fossils, isn't there? (scroll back to top)

Is there a video we can watch? Yes (watch then go back)

Are there pictures to view? Yes (enlarge then go back)

Can you see some words printed in green and underlined? These are links to related subjects. (Click on sedimentary) To return to the article, just click 'back' in the upper left corner.

Look at the Tool box at the top of the article. It has some great tools to help us

Maybe I need some help reading this information. (demo by clicking on 'read aloud in tool box' then highlight first of article.) Let kids listen for a short example. "Let's hit STOP and go on."

In the first sentence of the article I see the word 'organism' Let's get a definition by double-clicking on this word. What does the word mean?

What if I would like to read this article in another language? I can do that too. (Again, demo)

Would you agree that the World Book Student Encyclopedia gives lots of information? It sure does.

What if I don't want this much information? What if it is just too much for me? Then I would want to choose World Book Kids instead. How would I get to that site?

Look at the boxes at the bottom of the screen. These are all World Book Encyclopedias. Can you find the one that says "Kids? Great! Click on that box. You are now in the encyclopedia that is much easier and not as detailed.

Here is your bookmark so that you can do some fun searching at home. Don't forget to share it with your family.