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**Information Skills 101: Search Engines**

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**Directions: With a partner, try these various search engines to see what kinds of resources they provide you with.**

1. **MetaSearch** TRY IT: Go to [www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com) and type in our 5 keywords for Sandwich.

Ads are listed first and then the results are listed with the search engine posted after each entry.

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| Which sites came from multiple search engines? (name a few) |
| What do you think this tells us about the information on that page? |
| How might a metasearch engine like DogPile be more helpful than a regular search engine? |

1. **Question Search?** TRY IT: Go to [www.answers.com](http://www.answers.com) and type in “Who invented the sandwich?”

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| How does the information you get differ from the information you got on other search engines? |
| What else do you notice on the left hand side? |
| How might this help you as well? |
| Scroll down to the bottom of the page, or click on Copyright. Where did the answer to your question come from?  Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Author(click on ‘more’):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. **Catagorical Search** TRY IT: Go to [www.kartoo.com](http://www.kartoo.com/) and type in “Sandwich”

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| How might this site be more helpful than other sites? What makes it unique? |

Finally, take a minute to visit the following helpful research sites to see what they have to offer.

* + Encyclopedia Britannica – [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com/)
  + Encarta – [www.encarta.msn.com](http://www.encarta.msn.com/)

When you’ve completed these tasks, return this form to Heather in the Library!