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Further Online Skills...Databases and Beyond!

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Library and Learning Resources

“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.”

- Neil Gaiman



Today, we will look at ...

- Evaluating information - recap
- What is a database?
- Finding relevant databases
- Using Ebsco and Newsbank
- Tips for searching the Internet
- Open Access Resources
- Help – contacts
- InfoSkills programme



Evaluating Information

- **Currency** (Is it up-to-date?)
- **Relevance** (Who is the intended audience?)
- **Authority** (What are the author's credentials?)
- **Accuracy** (Can the information be verified?)
- **Purpose** (Is the information objective/impartial?)

[Video: Evaluating Information Sources](#)



What is a database?

- Subscription based
- Provides online access to published content
- Up-to-date
- General or specialised subjects
- Fully searchable
- Full-text access
- Academically creditable
- Peer reviewed content

[Database video](#)



Bonus Features!



- Track your search history
- Save favourite resources
- Set up alerts
- Remember preferences
- Citation help
- Time saving

Finding and accessing relevant databases

- Accessible via LibSearch
- UWTSD login and password

Databases

. **Specialist databases**

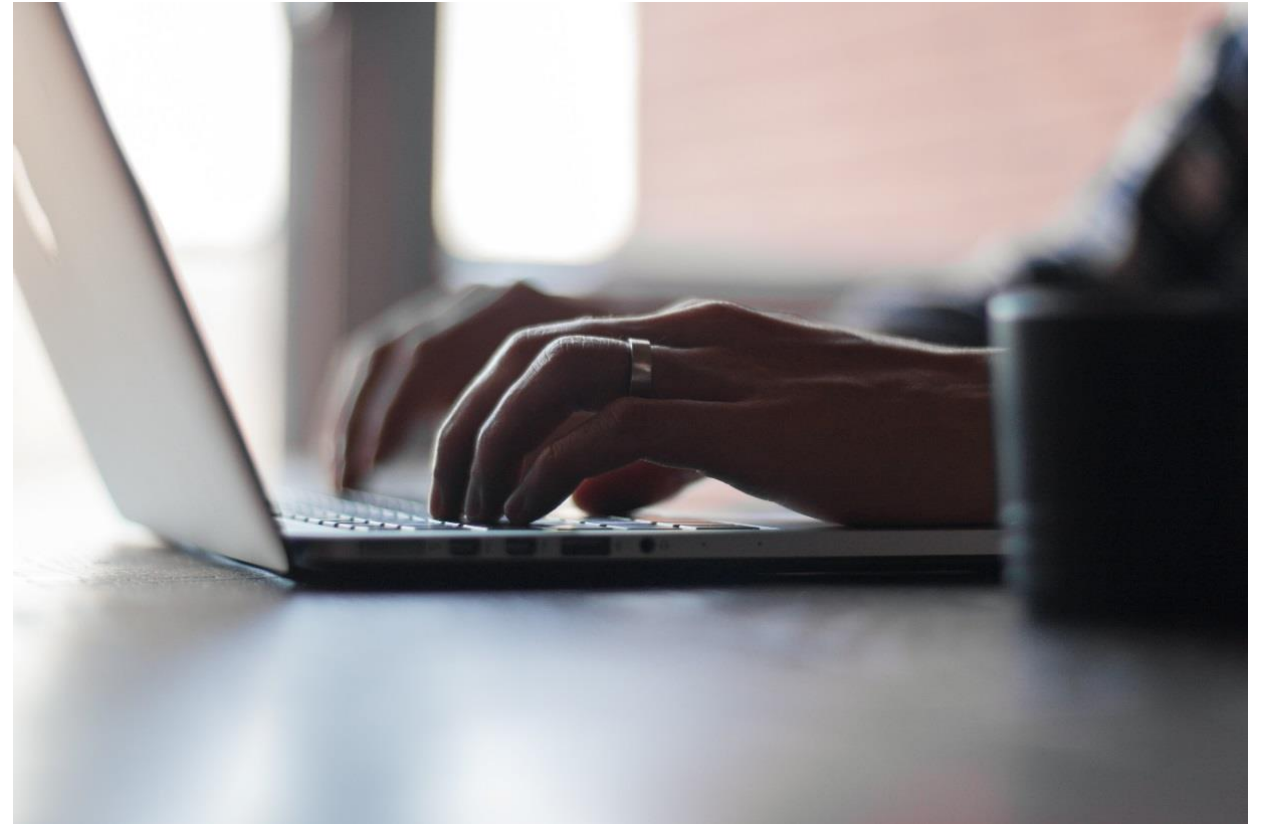
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Academic Search Premier

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for example Newsbank



Quiz!

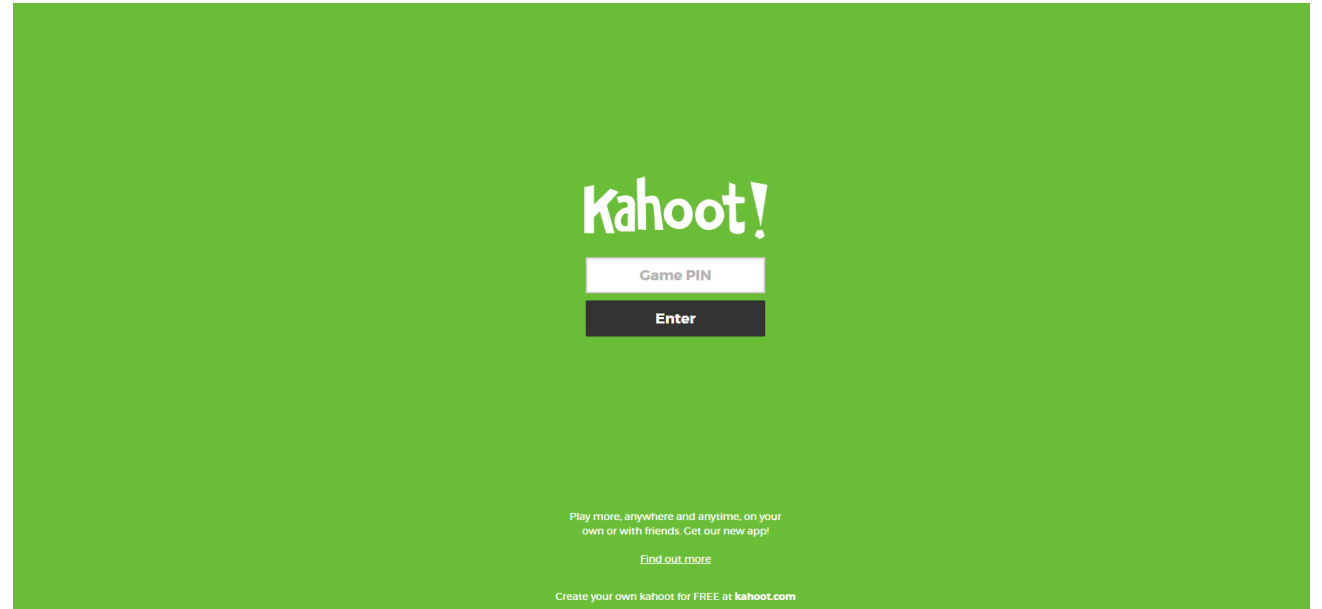
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Or, go to <https://kahoot.it/>

... and wait for the pin number

Create a nickname. Get ready ... and go

You will have **10 seconds** per question, so think fast!!



[Kahoot](https://kahoot.it/)

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Internet Searching Tips!

- Use unique terms that are specific to your subject
- Try “phrase searching” to locate exact terms
- Use the wildcard symbol to include word variants e.g Engineer*
- Try domain searching – add to the of your search
 - site:ac.uk (Academic)
 - site:gov.uk (UK Government)
 - site:wales.gov.uk (Welsh Government)
 - site:sch.uk (Schools)
 - site:nhs.uk (National Health Service)
- Look past the first page of results!

The best
place to hide
a dead body
is on the second page of



Open Access – What's that?

- Scholarly research
- Freely available to all
- Published in online journals
- Deposited in [institutional repositories](#)
- Search with Google Scholar
- Makes research available quicker and more widely



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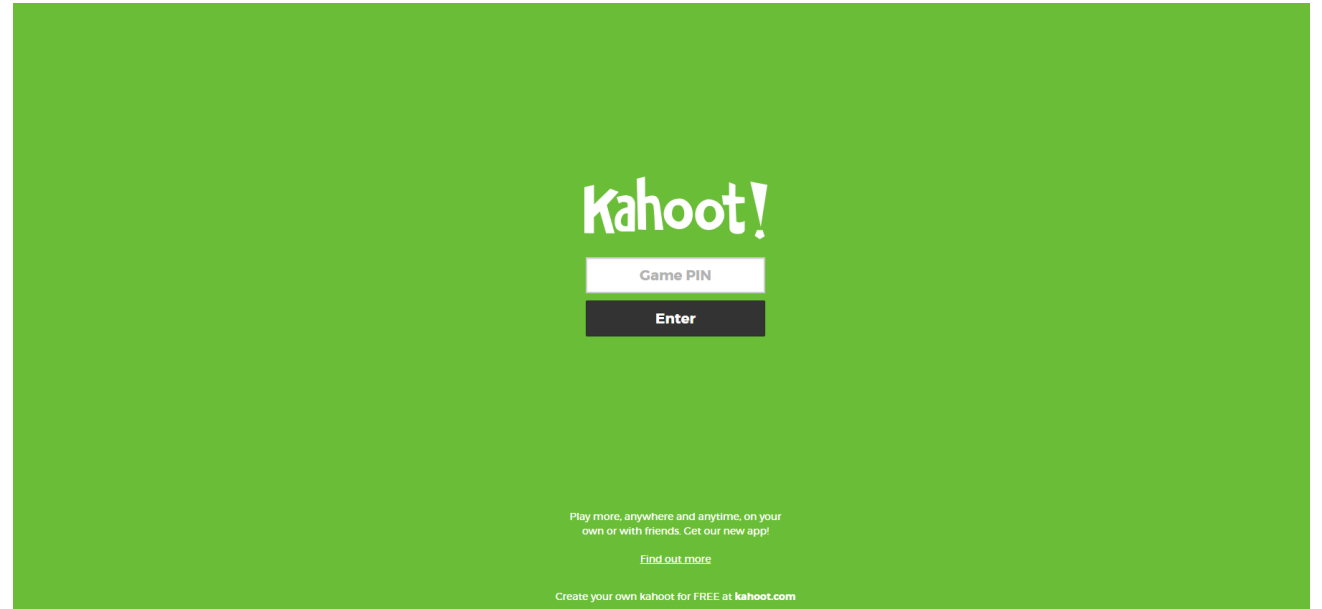
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Further help is available

- **Contact Alison Evans**
alison.evans@uwtsd.ac.uk for search and subject related help. Counter staff can also provide basic help
- **Timetabled library training sessions** can be organised via your lecturers
- **InfoSkills programme** is a structured programme of drop-in and pop-up sessions on information related topics



InfoSkills Programme

Bookable and drop in sessions:

- Online Library: Basic / Further Skills
- Referencing Skills – Harvard and APA
- Fake News: How to sort Fact from Fiction
- Managing Your Online Presence
- Copyright: Know your Rights
- Finding and Using Information for your Dissertation

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/library/infoskills/>







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