

Library 101: Your Guide to Library Resources

Activity 3c: Find Sources - Web Sites

Name: _____ Date: _____

**Getting too many hits on the Internet "at large?" Here are a few tips you can use!
Most search engines on the Internet will use similar, if not the same, tips.**

Try each of these searches in the **AltaVista** (<http://www.altavista.com>) search engine and record the number of search results (hits) you get. These tips help reduce the number of irrelevant hits!

1. Search Terms to Use: **Internet addiction**

Results: _____ hits

Results with ALL terms in them will be ranked first.

2. Refining Your Search Using a "+" Sign: **+Internet +addiction**

Results: _____ hits

The "+" requires that ALL the terms must be present.

3. Search for a phrase: **"Internet addiction"**

Results: _____ hits

The double quotations tell the search engine to look for that phrase.

4. Using the "Search within these results" feature to narrow a search:

New Search Term: **"college students"**

Results: _____ hits

"Search within these results" tells the search engine to find this phrase within the results of your previous search.

5. Search for Words in the Title of a Web page: **+title:Internet +title:addiction**

Results: _____ hits

This search does not have to be an exact title. Try any key words!

6. Search for Specific Type of Web page (Domain): **+"Internet addiction" +url:org**

Results: _____ hits

Domain names usually (but not always) indicate what type of organization is providing the information: .gov is government, .edu is educational, .org is non-profit organizations.