

## **How to search the net**

### **How to search**

- Do not use German sources and translate them - these translations are utterly horrid
- Use as many relevant words as possible.
  - Example: for your gap year you want to find a non-profit organization that looks for volunteers: → non profit volunteer gap year (+country + type of work)
- If you know that there is a country that you don't want to go to or a job that you don't want to do: type in the symbol – (i.e. minus) with the keyword

### **How to tell if a source is reliable**

- Always check the date when the website was last updated
- Watch out for the URL ending :
- “.gov” - a government site
- “.edu” or “.ac.uk” or “.sch.uk” - a site linked to an educational institution (these sites tend to be reliable)
- “.com” - a commercial website (might be biased)
- “.org” - a website run by an organization (might be biased)
- very long URL and including references to yahoo etc. – individual person (likely to be very personal and biased)
- a blog/vlog (bound to be really personal and therefore biased)

### **How to quote a source**

- Copy the link from the address line
- Add the date and the time (access or download)
- Remember to do that also with statistics and photos

### **Where can you find free pictures (i.e. you don't violate the copyright)**

- <http://www.freedigitalphotos.net/>
  - <http://www.freeimages.co.uk/>
  - <http://www.coolclips.com/>
  - <http://www.scran.ac.uk/>
  - <http://gimp-savvy.com/PHOTO-ARCHIVE/>
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Further information:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/dida/using\\_ict/webresearchrev6.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/dida/using_ict/webresearchrev6.shtml)

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