

Internet Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt) has a twofold purpose:

- to provide you with an example of a specific web-based task that encourages specific strategy use;
- to encourage you to reflect on the specific challenges of web-based texts.

The task involves finding as many answers to the questions set below in a specific time. In a class with L2 learners, setting a maximum time is a vital element, and we'll talk more about why this is afterwards.

The answers to the questions below are to be found at various sites which are accessible by clicking on the pictures, which are hyperlinked. I have provided links to a variety of sites, that might reflect different sources that might be used with different ages, in EFL, ESL, EAL contexts. Your own treasure hunts might be more focused eg all dealing with a specific theme or information type (times, weather, dates, clothes, food...).

The aim here, however, is to also generate questions about issues concerning how learners find the information they need once at a site, how they will cope with the level and density of language and content, what visual and verbal cues help them to locate information. As you make decisions about how you locate information once you are at the site, note the 'clues' that lead to your decisions.

As you access the sites, try to form an impression of:

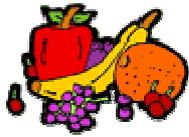
- ease with which the information was found
- scope to get lost
- skills employed to locate the information (consider strategies you needed to find the information eg use of visual and/or verbal cues)
- density of information
- language level of the information



List 5 things that recycled plastic can be used for.



What's in the news? Identify one UK headline and one international headline from your continent being reported in today's online news at the BBC.



Do you know your fruit? Which of these has more vitamin C: 100g of orange or 100g of blackberries?



This flower is the emblem of one of the four countries that make up Britain. Which country? What is the flower called and why is it the emblem?



Penguins are an endangered species. Find out information for a poster:

- size
- how long they live;
- what they eat;
- how many are left;
- one main threat .