

Activity Two: Search Engines

Be sure to watch the PowerPoint presentation before, or while you complete this activity sheet. The presentation will explain and provide you with the answers to complete this activity sheet. Be sure to check over your work carefully.

Answer the following questions about search engines:

- 1) We looked at _____ types of search engines. (*Hint: a number*)

- 2) A subject directory is a type of search engine. Name two examples of a subject directory and give the URL (www) for each on the lines below.

- 3) A question-answer (or whole language) directory is a type of search engine. Give an example of this type of search engine and give the URL (www) on the line below.

- 4) A keyword search engine is a type of search engine. Give an example of this type of search engine and give the URL (www) on the line below.

Read the following statements and/or questions about search engines. Write on the line which of the three types of search engines it best describes: subject directory (SD), a question-answer (QA) directory or a keyword search engine (K)

- a) You type in a question that you have in your own words. _____
- b) Click on themes or subjects headlines to find information on your topic. _____

- c) Will give you answers to the question you type in. _____
- d) Type in a word or two to get information on it. _____
- e) These two search engines are 'kid' friendly (safe) _____
- f) This is the more advanced of the three search engines. _____

Think about it then answer the following questions in your own words:

1. When selecting a search engine, why would I want to use an easy to use search engine like KidsClick? (Think of at least 2 benefits)

2. Which search engines have you used before today's lesson, if any? Share your experience with them (i.e. Were they helpful? Frustrating? Fun? Easy? Explain)

Fill in the table below as a review

	Subject Directory	Whole Language	Keyword Search
URL address	www. OR www.	www.	www.
How it works			
Benefits (Min 3 each)			