

# A. Vocabulary Study

Study the following words and expressions with your tutor.

Vocabulary	Meaning organized; arranged exact; accurate about details			
sorted				
precise				
wildcard	an unknown or unpredictable factor			
exclude	keep (something) out of place			
track down	ack down to find something or someone			

# B. Reading Practice

Check the pronunciation, meaning and usage of the words with your tutor.

# **Smart Internet Searching**

#### 1. Use Directories

Directories will help you organize items into categories, typically **sorted** alphabetically so you could easily focus your search. It is available in most search engines such as Yahoo and Google. Directories will only provide a few sites per category but most probably the best sites on the topic you're searching.

#### 2. Go For Precise Terms

Since some terms mostly have one or more meanings, try to use unique terms that are specific to the topic you are searching so that the number of returned pages will reduce. For example, enter "Japanese food Los Angeles", instead of "California restaurants." Using **precise** terms will help you find accurate results.

### 3. Add Wildcard Characters (\*)

**Wildcard** characters are special characters that will help you fill in the blanks. By using a wildcard character in a query it will help you locate a specific item when you can't remember exactly how it is spelled. For example, entering "breathtaking \*" will return sites with breathtaking and other words the search engine considers relevant.

#### 4. Put Minus Operator (-)

Search engines usually show something totally unexpected. For example, when searching the fruit apple, references to the company Apple, Inc. will also return. You may simply put "Apple - Inc" to **exclude** references to the company. Simply using the minus operator will help you remove unwanted results.

#### 5. Use quotation marks (' ') (" ")

If you want to **track down** some part of a phrase you have seen on a web page, you may simply use quotation marks. For example, you may type "crows could recognize human faces". Using a quotation mark in the search engine will give you sites with exact phrasing.

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## **C.** Sentence Construction Practice

Construct your own sentences using the words listed below.

Α.	sorted			
	۸ 1			
	Δ 2			
В.	precise			
	B 1.			
	В 2.			
C.	wildcard C 1.			
	C 2			
D.	exclude D 1.			
	D 2.			
E.	track down			
	E 2.			
D.	Comprehension Ques	stions		

Answer the following questions based on the article.

1 What will directories provide?

Directories will provide...

2 Why should you use precise terms when searching?

I should use pecise terms when searching so that...

3 What special characters will help you fill in the blanks?

The special characters that will help me fill in the blanks are...

4 What operator will help you exclude unwanted results?

The operator that will help me exclude unwanted results is...

5 What does the use of quotation marks help track down?

The use of quotation marks help track down...

### **E.** Discussion Questions

Answer the following questions based on your opinion.

- Which advice do you think is the most effective?

  The most effective advice is...
- 2 What do you often search online?

What I often search online is...

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of online searching?

The advantages and disadvantages of online searching are...