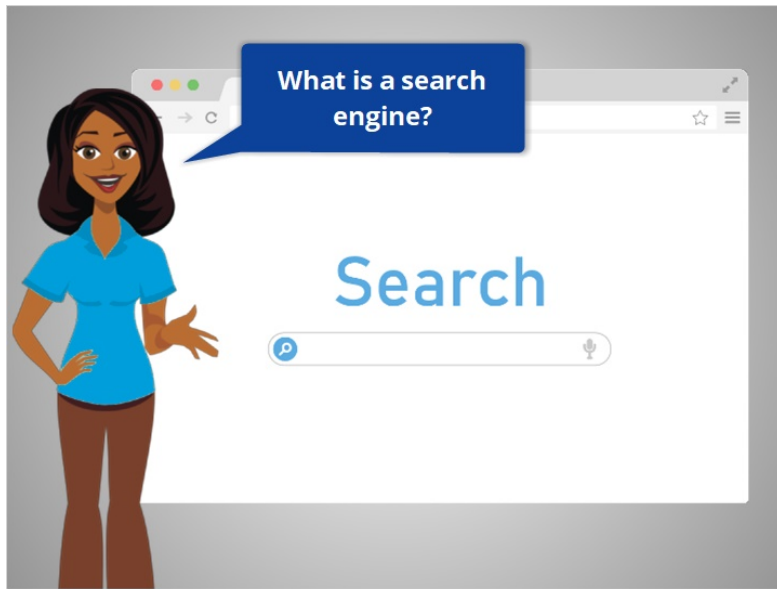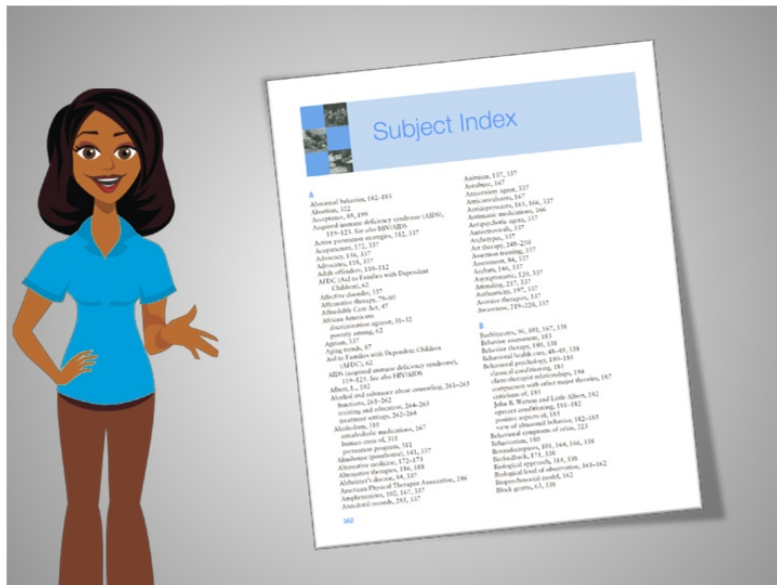# Basic Search
What is a Search Engine?

Hi. I'm Belle and I'm here to tell you about finding things on the internet. The internet brings together information from all over the world, which is a lot of information.
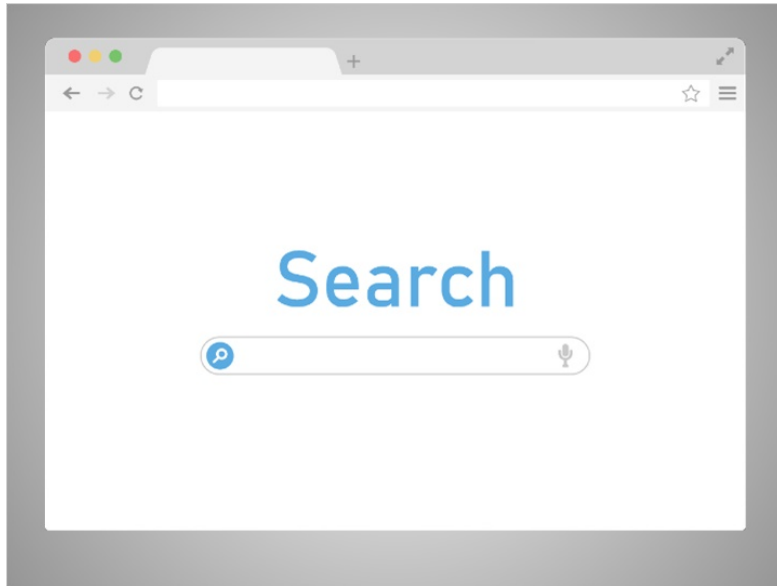
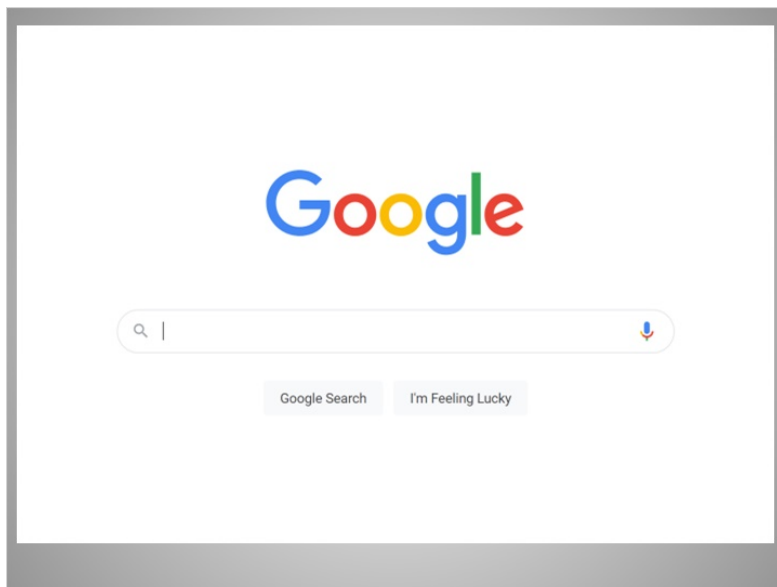Today we will follow along with Anna as she uses a search engine to look up information about Chicago.
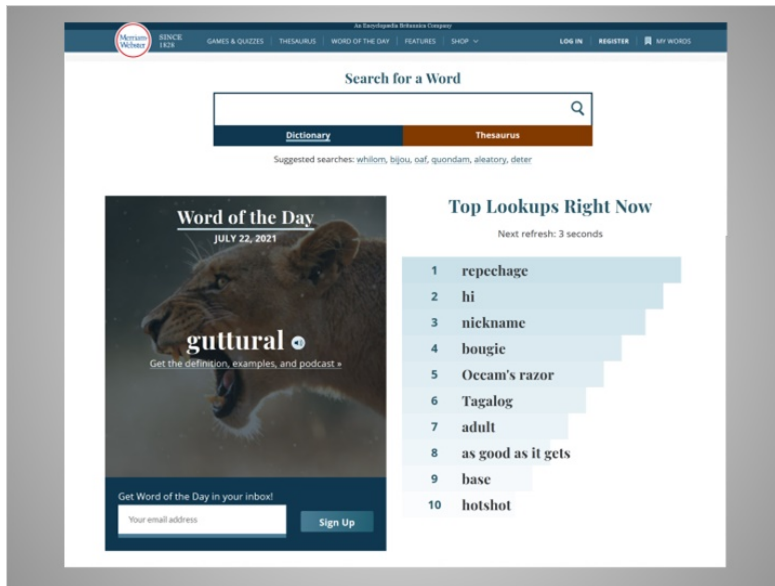
So, what is a search engine?

Well, a search engine is a website that you can use to look up content and information on the internet, like the index in the back of a book. When you enter a keyword into the search engine, the search engine will look through the billions of web pages to help you find the ones that you are looking for.
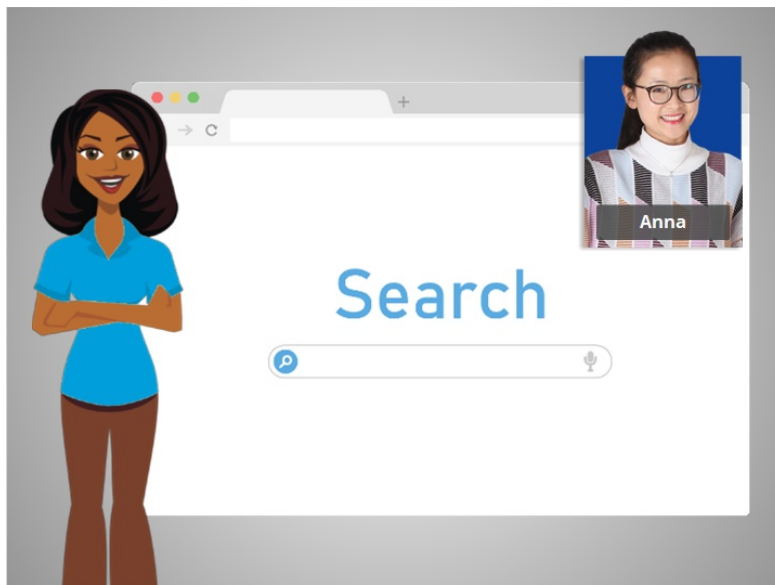
There are many different types of search engines made by different companies. Examples of commonly used search engines include Bing, Google and Yahoo!. Each search engine has its own way of organizing information so the results can vary from one search engine to another.

What are some of the things that you can find with a search engine? Well, almost anything. In today's example, Anna is using Google to search for all kinds of information in her day- to-day life.

She can look up the weather...

…find a recipe…

...define words, and more.

Right now, Anna wants to find more information on Chicago, a city she is visiting on vacation. We'll follow along with her search in the next lesson.