

# How to: Search for Images on the Web:

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1. Can you create it yourself?

- Use paper and art supplies (avail. in the Library), it's often faster!
- Use Microsoft PhotoDraw

2. Try something besides Google Images:

- [www.picsearch.com](http://www.picsearch.com)
- [www.pics4learning.com](http://www.pics4learning.com)
- [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)
- [www.commonswikimedia.org](http://www.commonswikimedia.org)
- [www.eol.org](http://www.eol.org)
- <http://www.publicdomainpictures.net/>

3. Always click on the “View Full Size” or Full Size Version **link**.

- Note: If you try to save or copy and paste a **thumbnail**, it's going to be just that, as small as your thumbnail. When you try to click and drag the image to make it bigger, it will have poor **pixilation** (**pixel** distortion).
- If it has a **copyright** you may be unable to access the image at all. See [www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/publications.html](http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/publications.html) for a comic about copyright.
- If it is in the **Creative Commons**, the image is still owned by the creator, but allows you to use the image in the same manner **fair use** does.
- Depending on how an image was saved and posted to the Web, you may be limited to how large you can expand the image

4. Record the location where you found your image and who is responsible for its creation. The location is the web address or URL, the www part.

5. Save the image to My Pictures in your network file. Rename the file with something logical—often the **default** will be a string of numbers that have no meaning for you.

## Glossary

**Copyright** – The exclusive right of a creator protecting and limiting use of his or her creation.

**Creative Commons** – Acts as a fair use agreement for school and public libraries to use images

**Default** – Words, numbers, and settings that come up automatically

**Fair Use** – The right to use parts of protected works for educational and non-profit purposes.

**Link** – Also called a “hot link” or hypertext, often underlined or in a different color than the rest of the text; it links you to a different web page.

**Pixel** – Tiny digital dots of color that make up an image (Pixilation is the quality of pixel distribution)

**Thumbnail** – A smaller representation of the actual image.