

# How to Research

What are you looking for and why?

# Searching is a Journey

- Know where you are going
- What is the subject of your search?
- Which aspect do you want to find out first?  
e.g. Energy + solar power

# Internet

- Google is only one of many search engines... [www.ixquick.com](http://www.ixquick.com)  
[www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com) or [www.zuula.com](http://www.zuula.com)
- Broaden your search and improve your work, knowledge and internet skills.
- Use keywords e.g. Solar power + benefits

# Check the brief

- What do you need to produce?
- How much information do you need?
- Are you writing formally or creatively?
- Are you including diagrams/illustrations?
- Who is your audience?

# Books

(Hardcopy or electronic)

- Save time use the index
- Scan the whole chapter, checking sub-headings first, then skim-read relevant paragraphs for your keywords.

# Note-making

personal style + make them re-usable!

- Check your purpose and only note down relevant items that you can use
- Linear or graphic
- Personalise them in a way that suits your learning style – colour-coded / mind-maps

# Other sources

- Magazine or newspapers  
hardcopy or electronic
- Teacher, Librarian, others
- Each other

# Create your Product

- By hand or electronically?
  - Check it through by reading aloud
  - Ask someone for an honest opinion
- Use feedback to re-draft