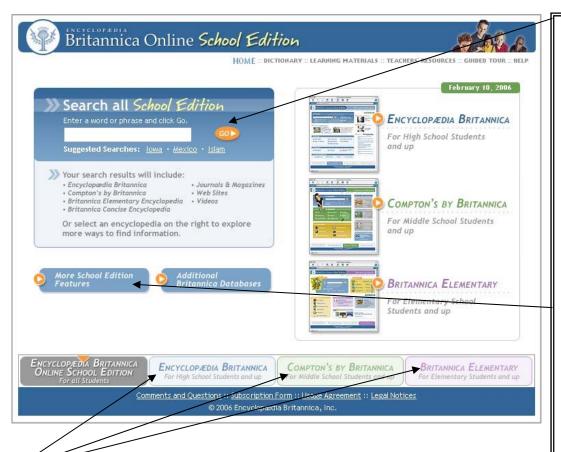
Encyclopædia Britannica Online School Edition offers encyclopedias and related materials for students of all levels. To help you use the site more effectively, we've created this short tour. It will guide you through Encyclopædia Britannica Online School Edition, from the home page to a search results page and then an article page. In addition, we've highlighted Britannica's Learning Materials — a collection of exercises, activities, and study guides.

Navigating the Home Page

The Home Page is an entryway to all the resources available on the site.



Choose a Reading Level

The Home Page provides access to the three main sections of the site, each with targeted content based on reading level. Use the main links on the right side of the page, or the buttons at the bottom of the page, to choose the level that is appropriate for you:

- Encyclopædia Britannica for High School students and up
- Compton's by Britannica for Middle School students and up
- Britannica Elementary for Elementary Students and up

Each age-appropriate section includes an encyclopedia as well as magazines, editor-selected Web sites, videos, and interactive media.

You can also explore Learning Materials, a *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* and *Thesaurus*, a World Atlas, Timelines, and other features specific to each reading level.

Search

Find information quickly and easily by simultaneously searching Britannica's four encyclopedias, hundreds of magazines and journals, editor-selected Web sites, and our collection of videos and interactive media.

Simply type in a word or phrase in the search box and click **Go**.

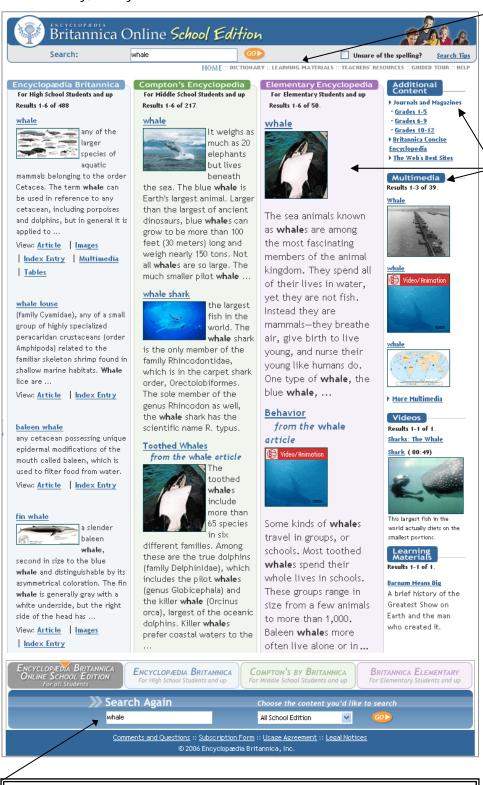
More School Edition Features

View a list of the features available in each of the three reading levels, including:

- Index Browse
- A-Z Browse
- Biography Browse
- Subject Browse
- Year in Review
- World Atlas
- Timelines
- Video Browse

Search Results

After entering a word or phrase in the search box and clicking **Go**, you will see a page that looks similar to the one below. From the results that match your query, you can choose to examine an items more closely, or try another search.



New Search

You can also perform a new search by entering a word in the **Search Again** box, selecting a content source from the menu, and clicking **Go**.

Find Your Way

Use the links at the top of any page to return to the Home Page, browse the Learning Materials, find Teachers' Resources, or get more Help with the site.

Search Results

Several different sources of information are displayed, each in their own column.

Encyclopædia Britannica

One of the most authoritative information sources in the world with over 73,000 articles.

Compton's by Britannica

Authoritative encyclopedia articles written for middle school students.

Elementary Encyclopedia

Encyclopedia articles written for young students.

Journals and Magazines

A selection of current magazines and journal articles, available for three different grade levels.

Britannica Concise Encyclopedia

Brief articles for quick answers to a range of questions.

The Web's Best Sites

Websites reviewed by our editors help expand your study.

Media and Video

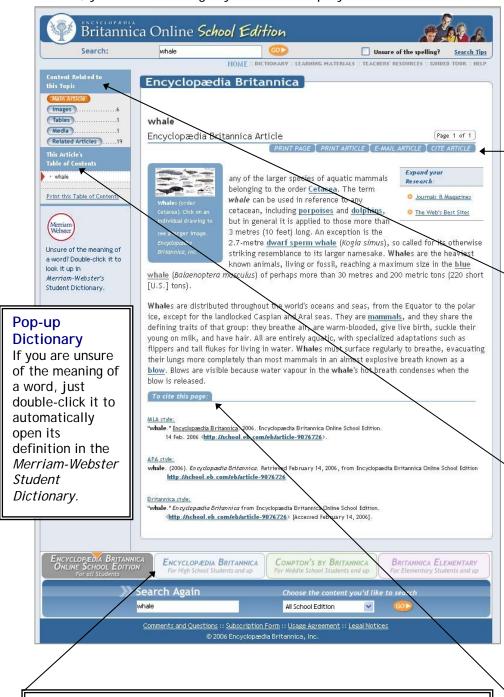
A collection of more than 2,000 video clips and animations.

Learning Materials

Activities, manipulatives, interactive lessons, and more.

Encyclopedia Articles

Britannica Online School Edition contains over 123,000 articles, each cross-references and organized to help you find the information you need. When you view an Encyclopædia Britannica article you will see a page like the one below. If you view a Compton's by Britannica article or Britannica Elementary article, you will see a slightly different display.



Change Databases

If you'd like to find articles at a different reading level, use the buttons at the bottom of the page to change your view.

- > Encyclopædia Britannica to find content for high school students
- > Compton's by Britannica to find content for middle school students
- > Britannica Elementary to find content for younger students

The Article

The text of the article appears in the center of the page. Links within an article will direct you to other *Encyclopædia Britannica* articles in one simple click.

Buttons at the top of the article provide a quick way to Print, E-mail, or Cite any article.

Click on the images or video within the article for a larger view, or to play the video.

Related Content

Images, maps, tables, media, and other articles that are related to the article you are viewing are easily accessed with these buttons.

Note that the numbers to the right indicate how many additional resources are available in each of these categories.

Table of Contents

Longer articles are divided into separate sections. You can go directly to different sections of the article by clicking the headings of the article's Table of Contents, which appear on the left side of the page.

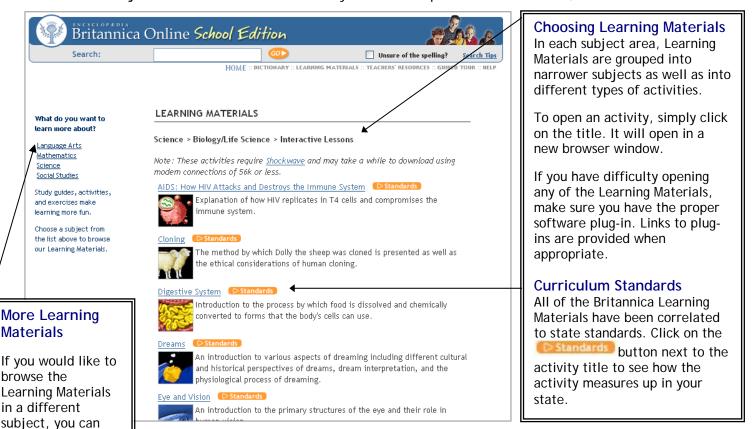
Click the plus sign (+) next to a heading to view subheadings. You can also display the entire Table of Contents by clicking the Expand All link at the top.

Citations

If you plan to refer to an article in a report or paper, we provide correctly formatted citations in MLA, APA, and Britannica formats.

Learning Materials

Britannica's collection of Learning Materials can help students perfect their skills and expand their knowledge. Access Learning Materials by clicking the link at the top of any page. Then select from one of the main subject areas and choose an activity. Activities open in a new window, as seen below.



Science: Biology/Life Science: Eye and Vision

use the links in the left column to

access them

quickly.

When you click on one of the Learning Materials, it will open in a new window. Each activity is different, so please read the directions provided in the activity you have chosen.

Many activities contain worksheets, quizzes, and other classroom materials for use by teachers and students.

