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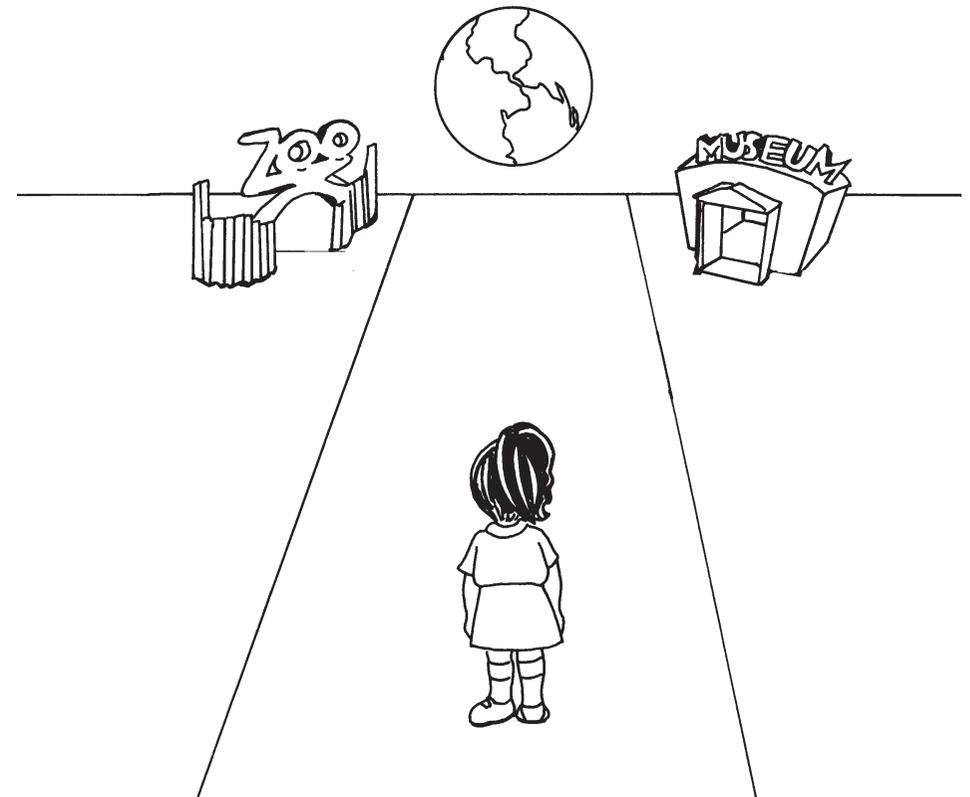
So Many Places To Go!

The World Wide Web (WWW) is a wonderful resource for children. It can be compared to a gigantic library containing information on almost every imaginable topic. Unlike a library, with books arranged according to clearly defined categories, the ever-expanding number of sites appearing daily on the Internet can be overwhelming and seem to have no organisation whatsoever. The Internet does not discriminate between sites created by professionals and non-professionals or by educators and advertisers. Locating Web sites that are educational and enjoyable for an appropriate age level can be extremely time consuming. Parents and teachers are also concerned about sending their children to computers unsupervised. So now that more and more people have access to the Internet from their homes and schools, they are asking themselves the question: "Now that I am connected to the Internet, what should I do with it?"

This book attempts to answer this question by offering a clear and concise collection of some of the most intriguing children's sites available on the Web today. Highly recommended sites are arranged in a variety of interesting sections. For example, a useful category like 'Find That Fact!' offers numerous research Web sites, and the chapter 'Kiddie Korner' presents a sampling of sites for the very young Web surfer. You can visit the recommended sites in this book or use them as starting points for your own explorations. Don't fret about spending hours locating appropriate Web sites for

kids. All the sites in this book have been reviewed and are safe, informative, and often very entertaining.

Best Web Sites for Kids 2000 launches you on the Information Superhighway for the 21st Century. Use this book as a guide, and as you flip through the pages, take the opportunity to discover some of the best sites on the Internet for kids. Visit zoos and museums, travel the world, but most of all, have lots of fun on your explorations!

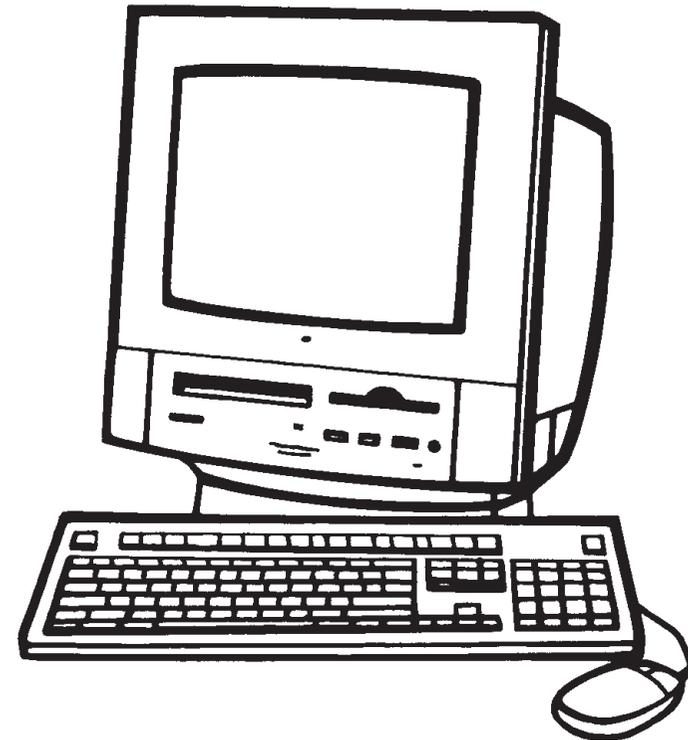


Who Can Use This Book?

Whether you are a teacher or parent searching for information for school projects or a child looking for fun activities on the computer, this book is for you! To get started, all you need is the following:

- A computer
- Access to the Internet with a modem or cable
- An Internet service provider (ISP)
- Basic experience using search engines
- A desire for advice about Web sites to visit.

If you fit this description, or even if you already have a lot of surfing experience, you will enjoy **Best Web Sites for Kids 2000**. Use this book to find and explore new places in Cyberspace, but don't allow your explorations to end there. Once you have visited and enjoyed all the sites described in this book, follow the many recommended links provided within the Web sites listed in this book and become confident navigating the World Wide Web, where time, space and location seem to disappear!





Your Name in Hieroglyphics

<http://www2.torstar.com/rom/egypt>

Overview:

Enter this site and have your name transformed into hieroglyphics, an ancient Egyptian language from 3000 years ago! Kids can create messages for each other to decode and print them out or email them to another classroom. Creating and decoding these messages is a good way for students to gain an understanding of what it was like to communicate using pictographs.

This site is visually impressive and lots of fun. As well as the translator there is information on how the hieroglyphic system worked in Ancient Egypt and how the phonetic translation system was devised.

Try this:

Find out how to write a family member's name in hieroglyphics and then design a piece of jewellery with the new name as a gift.

Highlights:

This site loads quickly and is fun to use.

Teachers: Use this as a companion to a unit on Egypt.

See also:

How to read and pronounce Hieroglyphs
<http://angelfire.com/wi/egypt/hiero.html>



<http://library.advanced.org/11922/index.htm>

Overview:

Take a journey to the Virtual Zoo and visit **Monkey Island**, **Cat's Corner**, **Amazing Aviary**, **Ocean Life**, **African Animals**, **Pandas** and more. This site offers you a lively excursion to the zoo. Start at the virtual map (an X marks 'You are here') and click on your section of interest. The Amphibians, for example, include **frogs**, **toads**, **salamanders**, **newts** and **sirens**. At **African Animals** visit **antelopes**, **cheetahs**, **elephants**, **giraffes**, **hippopotami**, **hyenas** and **zebras**. Finally, stroll over to the **Cat's Corner** and watch frolicking **jaguars**, **leopards**, **lions** and **cheetahs**.

Try this:

Only a Virtual Zoo could offer an area for extinct species! Check this one out for visits with the **Cynognathus**, **Dinosaurs**, **Mammoth** and **Saber-Tooth Cat**.

Highlights:

Colour photographs and sound clips are integrated into this wonderful zoo.

This site provides a good database of animals.

See also:

4W Club's Virtual Zoo

<http://www.nepean.uws.edu.au/lifelong/wt/kids%20pages/virtual.html>



<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/index.html>

Overview:

Holidays are more enjoyable than ever with these great activities and projects at Kids Domain. There are lots of creative ideas at this site, and for every holiday there is a diverse menu. Celebrate **Valentine's Day** with some great clip art and then deliver e-cards to your family and friends. **Father's Day** includes great gift-making ideas, and Easter offers a virtual **Adopt a Lil Chick** option. Browse through this site before every holiday and get ready to celebrate!

Try this:

Go to **Spring Clip Art** and download the pictures. Add them to your school newspaper or to a writing project.

Visit **Earth Day** and follow directions for making coffee ground fossils.

Highlights:

Each holiday is updated one to two months before the actual holiday occurs.

Excellent gift-making ideas are included along with creative gift-wrapping instructions.

Links are provided to other holiday sites.

See also:

Australian holiday links

<http://www.lakemac.infohunt.nsw.gov.au/library/links/fff/festivals.htm>