

eLIS Digital Resources Collection: Search Tips & Definitions

There are many ways of searching the eLIS Digital Resource Collection. The most basic way to search is by Subject or Audience or Focus/Topic.

Simple searches will yield the most results. Narrowing down the focus, such as grade level, will also narrow down the search results.

To view the entire collection from A to Z leave all fields blank and click *search*.

To simply view all titles in a certain grade level select the grade level and click *search*.

To narrow your search by topic and grade level select from the available fields.

Example 1: Searching for mathematics resources:

- Go to the Subject box and select *Mathematics* from the drop-down menu.

Example 2: Searching for mathematics resources for K-8:

- Go to the Subject box and select *Mathematics K-8* from the drop-down menu.

Example 3: Searching for middle school mathematics resources:

- Go to the Subject box and select *Mathematics K-8* from the drop-down menu.
- Go to the Audience box and select *Middle (7-9)* from the drop-down menu.

Example 4: Searching for middle school geometry resources:

- Go to the Subject box and select *Mathematics K-8* from the drop-down menu.
- Go to the Audience box and select *Middle (7-9)* from the drop-down menu.
- Go to the Focus / Topic box and enter *geometry* in to the search box.

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Title

A search by title will yield all results with the specified title. It is recommended to search by title only if looking for a specific program (i.e. SUMO Paint, American Memory, Google SketchUp, VoiceThread, etc.).

Website

A search by website is recommended only if looking for a specific site (i.e. <http://smarthistory.org>). *Only exact matches will be found.*

Publisher

A search by publisher will bring up all sites by the same company (i.e. Google, NASA, etc.).

Subject – Drop-down menu

A search by subject will yield results related to a particular subject area (i.e. Graphics & Publishing, Health/Physical Education, Language Arts – Reading, Science – Physical, etc.).

Audience - Drop-down menu

A search by audience is useful when looking for sites designed for a particular grade level (i.e. Preschool – Kindergarten, Primary (1-3), Elementary (4-6), Middle (7-9), Secondary (9-12), College, Adult, Teacher).

Topic / Focus

The topic / focus helps narrow down the search results by specific topics within the subject area (i.e. fractions, ancient civilizations, simple machines, digital storytelling, etc.). Searches by topic / focus may be done alone or in conjunction with a search by subject.

Mode

The mode is the style of site / program or the way in which information is presented (i.e. educational game, exploration, guided practice, tool, etc.). It is recommended to search by mode only if looking for a specific style.

Abstract

The abstract is an annotation of what may be found on the website. It is not recommended to search by abstract.

Type

The types of programs typically found within this database include free, open source, subscription, and free trial.