

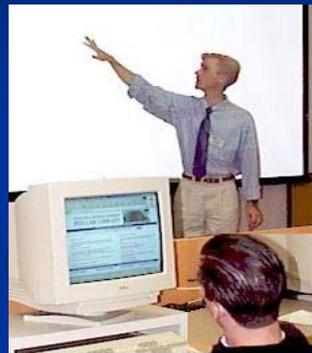
Internet Tools for Improving English

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Part 1: Online English Learning Resources

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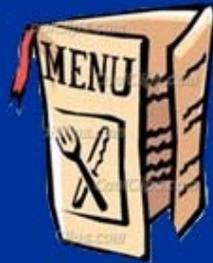
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Instead, use:
Online Directories
of ESL sites



Directories save you time! They give you lists of ESL websites (including specific categories)

- Reading sites
- Writing sites
- Listening sites
- Speaking sites
- Grammar/vocabulary sites

ESL directories:

TESL Internet Journal Directory

<http://iteslj.org/links/>

UsingEnglish Directory

www.usingenglish.com/links/

ESLdesk Directory

www.esldesk.com/esl-links

ESLcafe Directory

www.eslcafe.com/search/

About.com Directory

www.eslcafe.com/search/

DMOZ Directory

www.dmoz.org/Arts/Education/Language_Arts/English/English_as_a_Second_Language

TESL/TEFL/TESOL/ESL/EFL/ESOL Links
 Maintained by [The Internet TESL Journal](#)

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 There are currently 10192 registered links. (Last Update: 27-Mar-2012)

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ESL/EFL activities to learn English Language

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Spelling By Grade Irregular Verbs Identify Adverbs Pronouns

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The ESL Links Site - Learning English.



Selected Listening materials

[Listening Activities](#) for beginners. Alphabet, numbers, interviews, stories ...

[Mouth Mania](#), for beginners. Listen and repeat.

[American English Pronunciation](#). You will need [RealPlayer](#)

[Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#) General Listening Quizzes (all topics).

[Focus English](#), Everyday English in Conversation

[ESL Listening Lessons](#) Free Short Self-Study English Lessons and Quick Tips for ESL Students

[Instant sound](#), Pronunciation samples from [fonetiks.org](#) by over 40 native speakers. Online language tutorials with sound clips and dictionaries for British English, American English, Australian English. Plus a spoken English grammar. Just mouse over the words to hear them spoken - very cool!

[English Pronunciation](#) The pronunciation modules. Requires [Shockwave Plug-in from Macromedia](#)

Bilingual

[Spanish - English Vocabulary, Quizzes, Audio lessons](#)

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More Links pages

[Links for Teachers](#) - Lesson plans and activities for English teachers, ESL Teachers Boards, ESL jobs, chat rooms, ESL books, flashcards, ESL Worksheets and Lesson Plans, TEFL Article and other online resource for English teachers.

[English as a Second Language \(ESL\) Programs Schools](#) - Sites with Information on English Schools around the world to help you find right English program and location. Search or browse through comprehensive directory of English ESL language schools, ESL programs and courses.

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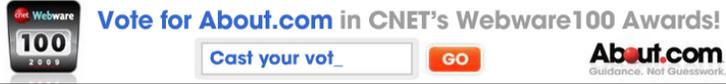


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- [1-language.com](#) - Includes student and teacher forums, chat, job center, multilingual helplines, links directory, resource library and, study multilingual translation help, and interactive lessons.
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- [Absolutenglish](#) - Lesson plans and activities for grade 9-12 students learning English as a foreign language and their teachers.
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- [English Language Learning Online](#) - Question bank for students, language forum, tests, language news for teachers, and an irregular verb list.
- [English Language Learning and UK Study Materials](#) - Quizzes, songs and projects for learners and teachers emphasizing Sussex local history.
- [English Language Self Access Centre](#) - Fee based learning modules for self-assessment, vocabulary and grammar which includes a free diagnostic test.

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Not necessarily...



While, admittedly, you may be directed to some ".com" sites, that's not always bad. Many of them offer **FREE** sample materials you can access. For example...

Some example websites...

Referred by a directory: **READING SITE**

The screenshot shows the American English website's search results page. At the top, it identifies the site as being from the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The main header features the 'AMERICAN ENGLISH' logo and the tagline 'A Website for Teachers and Learners of English as a Foreign Language Abroad'. A search bar is present in the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT US', 'AE COMMUNITY', 'RESOURCES', 'ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM', and 'TRACE EFFECTS GAME'. The main content area is titled 'Advanced Search: Resources' and includes a search bar with the text 'Search for criteria...' and a 'GO!' button. On the left side, there are two filter sections: 'Resource Categories' with options for 'American Culture', 'Forum Journal', 'Learn English', and 'Teach English'; and 'Audience' with options for 'Adult Learners', 'Advanced', 'Beginner', 'Intermediate', 'Primary School', and 'Secondary School'. The search results show '13 Results Match Your Criteria' and list two articles: 'Article with Activity: More Women Are Needed in Technology Fields' and 'Article with Activity: Is Halloween Only Celebrated in America?'. Each article entry includes a small icon, a title, a subtitle, and a brief description.

<http://americanenglish.state.gov/>

halloween (00:04 / 04:15)

V.A learningenglish  **Holiday for the Dead**

On October 31st, many Americans will celebrate Halloween. People dress to look like **scary** creatures such as monsters, witches or ghosts. Children go door to door in their neighborhoods to "**trick or treat**" and collect sweets.



halloween (04:05 / 04:15)

1 of 4

V.A learningenglish **Day of the Dead**

Comprehension



Score so far: 0 points out of 0 Check Your Answer



Referred by a directory: WRITING SITE

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Paragraph Punch - Reasons: Topic

Tip My Progress: Introduction | Topic | Pre-Writing | Writing-Topic Sentence | More Pre-Writing | Writing-Body | Organizing | Writing-Conclusion | Revising-Overview | Style | Sentence Structure | Grammar | Proofreading | Publishing

Great! You are going to Hawaii. Enter the name of the person you have chosen to take with you.

Input

Use only words or phrases. You will be asked to write sentences later.

Mary

OK

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Paragraph Punch - Reasons: Writing-Topic Sentence

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The start of another sentence that could tell what your paragraph is about appears in the Input box. For practice, complete the sentence.

On the next screen you will write your own sentence.

Input

If I won a trip to Hawaii, I would have fun

OK

Pre-Writing Notepad

- sister
- nice
- friendly
- helpful

Sentence error

Please use correct end punctuation.

Close



Referred by a directory: LISTENING SITE

Randall's Sites [Daily ESL Blog](#) | [ESL Blog](#) | [ESL Blog](#) | [Train Your Accent](#) | [Tips For Students](#) | [Hiking in Utah](#)

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Apartments in Venice
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General Listening Quizzes
(Listen to Everyday Conversations with Adult and Children's Voices)

Easy	Medium	Difficult
Answering Machine	A Student Credit Card	Address: Making Money
A Day at School	A Healthy Lifestyle	72-Hour Emergency Kit
Apartments for Rent	A Hiking Family	A Free Cell Phone!
Camping Under the Stars	A Store to Remember	A University Degree

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Answering Machine

I. Pre-Listening Exercises

II. Listening Exercises

III. Vocabulary

IV. Post-Listening

V. Online Investigations

Level:	Topic:	Speakers:	Length:
easy	phone messages	man	00:34

I. Pre-Listening Exercises [\[Top\]](#)

There are many types of phone services today to choose from, including cellular, satellite, and even voice over IP phone services. Whatever service you use, learning how to leave and understand phone messages is important. What questions or requests might you hear in a telephone message (e.g., "Please call me tomorrow.")

Idioms

"call someone up" = telephone someone

"Hey, call me up if you want to get together."

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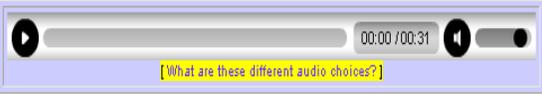
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American ...

107th Avenue Ann Cook (A...
\$26.37
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II. Listening Exercises [\[Top\]](#)

Listen to the phone message by pressing the Play button and answer the questions. Press the "Final Score" button to check your quiz.



[What are these different audio choices?]

[Other Audio Options: [Play RealMedia](#) | [Play Window Media](#)]

1. What will take place at Bill's house tomorrow?
 - A. a party
 - B. a game
 - C. a dance

2. Why does Hank have to work late?
 - A. He has to attend a meeting.
 - B. He has to write a report.
 - C. He has to close the office.



Referred by a directory: SPEAKING/PRONUNC SITE

www.ManyThings.org Menu for www.ManyThings.org

Minimal Pairs - Lesson 21: not-nut, ...
American English Pronunciation Practice. MP3-encoded sound files in interactive Flash files.

Minimal Pair Practice & Quiz

<p>Practice</p> <p>[not] [nut]</p>	<p>Correct 0</p> <p>Wrong 0</p> <p>[Reset the Score]</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <p>[Listen, Then Choose]</p> <p>[not] [nut]</p>	

www.manythings.org/pp/



Referred by a directory: **GRAMMAR SITE**

Grammar Quiz
Score: 37% (3/8) Remaining: 6

The Question	Choose the Best Answer
Many cultures, religions, and languages ___ among the peoples of Asia.	<input type="radio"/> 1 are found
	<input type="radio"/> 2 has found
	<input type="radio"/> 3 found
	<input type="radio"/> 4 is found

Flash Multiple-choice Quiz Program Copyright © 2004, 2007-2008 by Charles Kelly
Sound [ON/off] This quiz is part of a4esl.org. Version 0.050 (2008-04-26)

<http://a4esl.org/>

The Manatee (A Quiz on Prepositions)
20 Questions by Alexandra Sanchez

An estimated 2,200 to 2,600 manatees live ___ the wild.

- 1 on
- 2 between
- 3 in

[Start Quiz] Question's Value: 30 Game Points: 0
[Flash Quizzes for English Study]
This quiz was contributed by Alexandra Sanchez.

Things People Do

Roger would have offered to pay the tuition if I ___ to return to school.

- a had decided
- b has decided
- c decide

This quiz has 20 questions.

Subject/Verb Agreement

Click the answer button to see the answer.

1. The use of vitamin supplements and herbs (be) ___ becoming increasingly popular among Americans.
2. While many studies claim that vitamins and herbs can improve health, there (be) ___ a lot of controversy about their safety.
3. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (do) ___ not regulate vitamins and herbs.



Referred by a directory: VOCABULARY SITE

LEARN AMERICAN ENGLISH ONLINE | Food Vocabulary

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Fruit

 fruit	 apples	 bananas	 cherries
 guavas	 grapefruit	 oranges	 pineapples
 honeydew melon	 watermelon	 canteloupe	 plums

<http://www.learnamericanenglishonline.com/Vocabulary.html>

So go to the directories, and
then go to the ESL sites!

Part 2: Online Research Resources

When you are in well-funded, advanced libraries (universities, embassies, etc.) you usually have access to powerful databases of information:

- **LEXIS-NEXIS: newspapers**
- **DOW JONES: business information**
- **PROQUEST: magazines**

But what about when you're NOT at
one of those places?



Can you still get powerful information
on your own?

Sort of.
Not 100% the same...
But close!

How?
Connect to **free** Internet
libraries & directories

Need news from all around the world?
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Free = www.onlinenewspapers.com

A screenshot of the website onlinenewspapers.com. The page features a navigation bar with the site name and various service links. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "Thousands of world newspapers at your fingertips" with a date of "13 November 2015". The main content area displays "For the 10 most popular USA Newspapers, World Newspapers or Magazines selected from Onlinenewspapers" and lists six regional categories, each with a globe icon and a list of available languages: NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN (North America & The Caribbean), AFRICA (Africa), SOUTH AMERICA CENTRAL AMERICA (South & Central America), ASIA MIDDLE EAST (Asia & The Middle East), EUROPE (Europe), and AUSTRALASIA OCEANIA (Southwest & Oceania). At the bottom, there is a link to "Visit our extensive OnlineMagazines Directory HERE!" and a note to "Get your code to link to Onlinenewspapers HERE!".

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U.S. Plan Offers Path to Ending Afghan Combat

By PETER BAKER and ROD NORDLAND

A phased four-year plan to wind down American and allied fighting in Afghanistan by 2014 will be presented at a NATO summit meeting in Lisbon later this week.

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Michael Appleton for The New York Times

A School Fights for Life in Battered Haiti

By DEBORAH SONTAG

Nonpublic schools like the Collège Classique Féminin remain largely unfunded as they struggle to rebuild.

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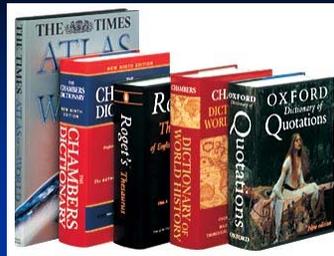
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VIETNAM
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COUNTRY OVERVIEW
LOCATION AND SIZE.
Vietnam is bordered on the north by [China](#) and to the west by [Laos](#) and [Cambodia](#). To the east is the South China Sea (called "Eastern Sea" by the Vietnamese). The country's shape and size is often compared to a bamboo pole with loads at the end (north and south). In the central part of the country Vietnam is only 40 kilometers (25 miles) across. The total land area of Vietnam is 329,569 square kilometers (127,247 square miles), making it slightly larger than [New Mexico](#). It has a long coast of 3,444 kilometers (2,140 miles).

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G
Fifth letter of a Nasdaq stock symbol specifying that the issue is the first convertible bond of the company.

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The two-character ISO 3166 country code for GABON.

GAAP
See: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

GB
The two-character ISO 3166 country code for UNITED KINGDOM.

GBP
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GBP
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Area and Population of Countries

(mid-2011 estimates)

Below is the area and population of each country. Countries are listed in alphabetical order.

Country	Population	Area (in sq mi)
Afghanistan	29,835,392	250,000
Albania	2,994,667	11,100
Algeria	34,994,937	919,590
Andorra	84,825	181
Angola	13,338,541	481,351
Antigua and Barbuda	87,884	171
Argentina	41,769,726	1,068,296
Armenia	2,967,975	11,506
Australia	21,766,711	2,967,893
Austria	8,217,280	32,382
Azerbaijan	8,372,373	33,436
Bahamas, The	313,312	5,382
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Commonly confused words

Take a look at these two sentences – one of them contains a mistake:

I **poured over** book after book.
We **pored over** the catalogues.

Are you uncertain which one is right? There are a lot of words in English that look or sound alike but have very different meanings, such as *pore* and *pour* or *flout* and *flour*. It's easy to get them confused and most electronic spellcheckers won't be much help in this type of situation: they can tell you if a word has been spelled wrongly but they can't generally flag up the misuse of a correctly spelled word.

Here's a quick reference list of pairs of words that regularly cause people problems. The words follow the accepted British English spelling. Some of them do have alternative American spellings and you will find these at the main dictionary entry on this website.

Word 1	Meaning	Word 2	Meaning
accept	to agree to receive or do	except	not including
adverse	unfavourable, harmful	averse	strongly disliking; opposed
advice	recommendations about what to do	advise	to recommend something

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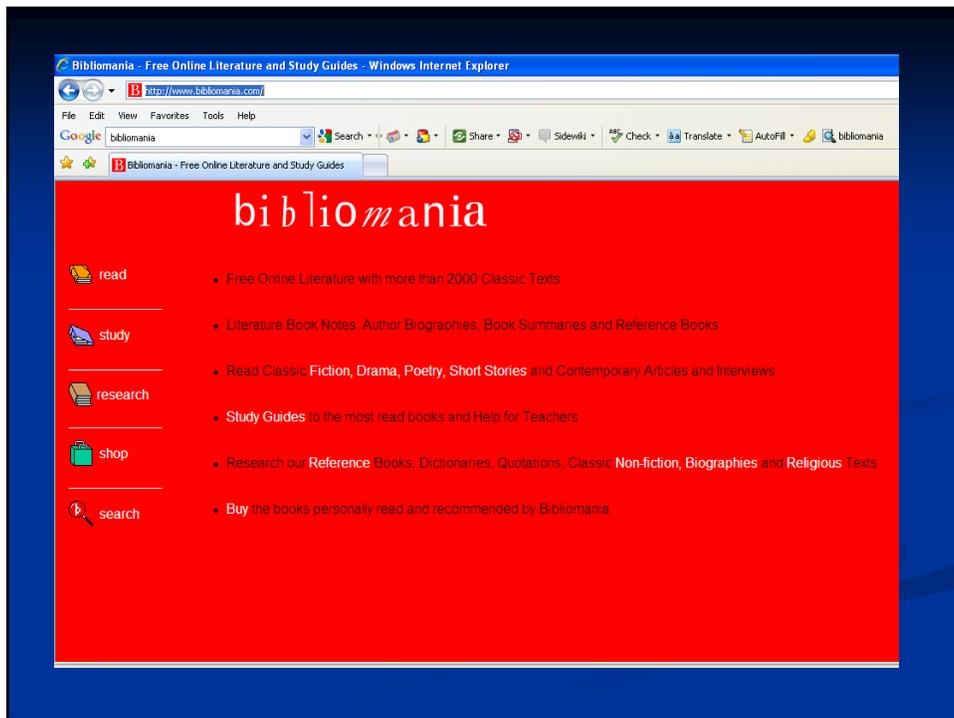
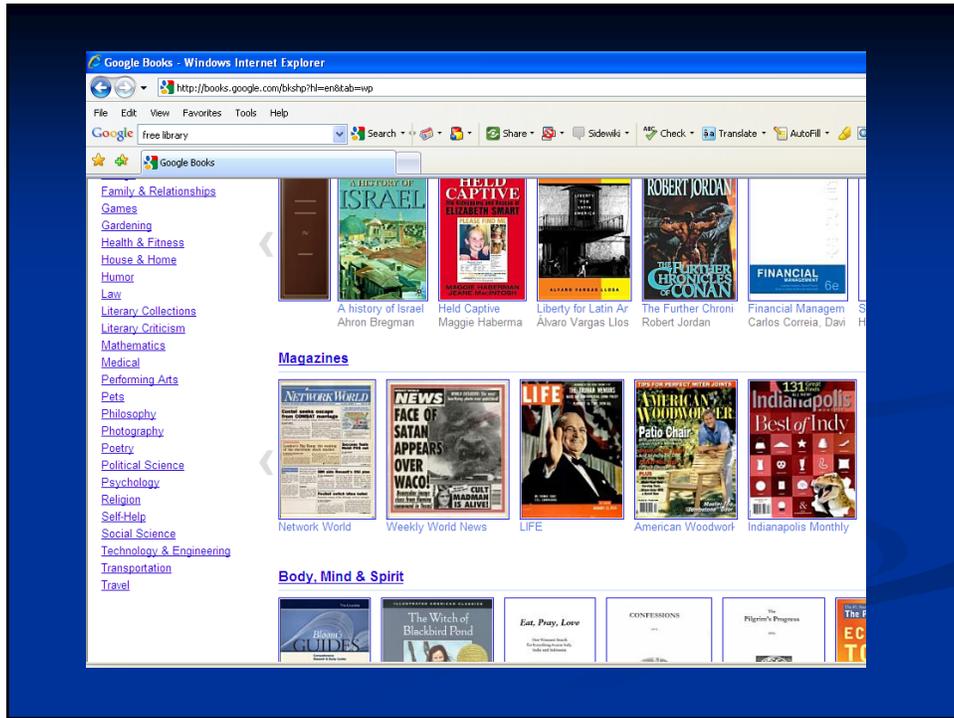
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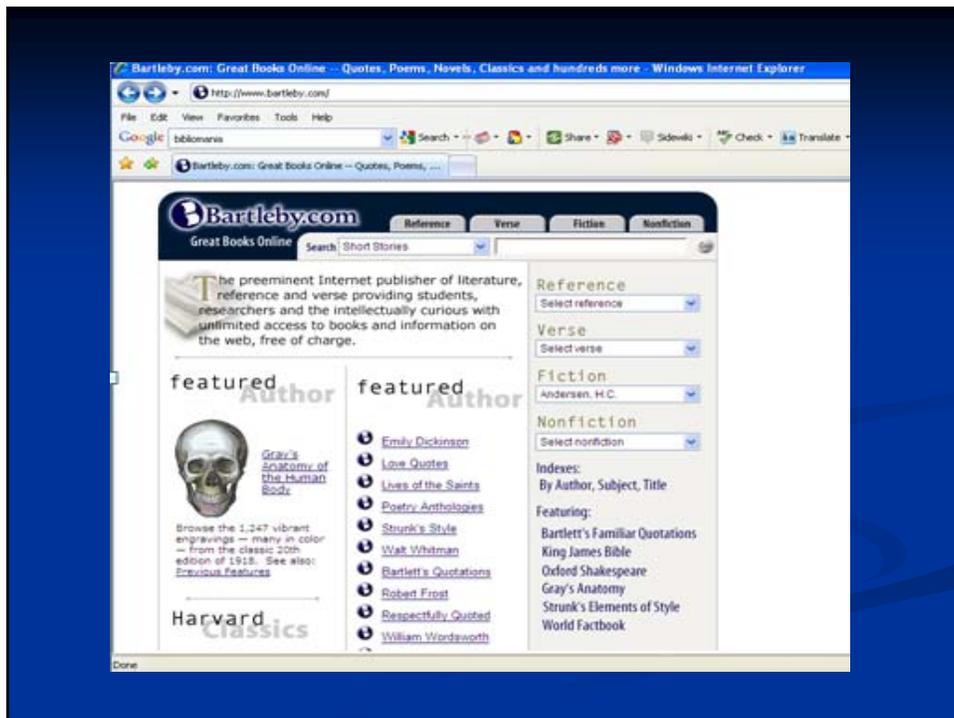
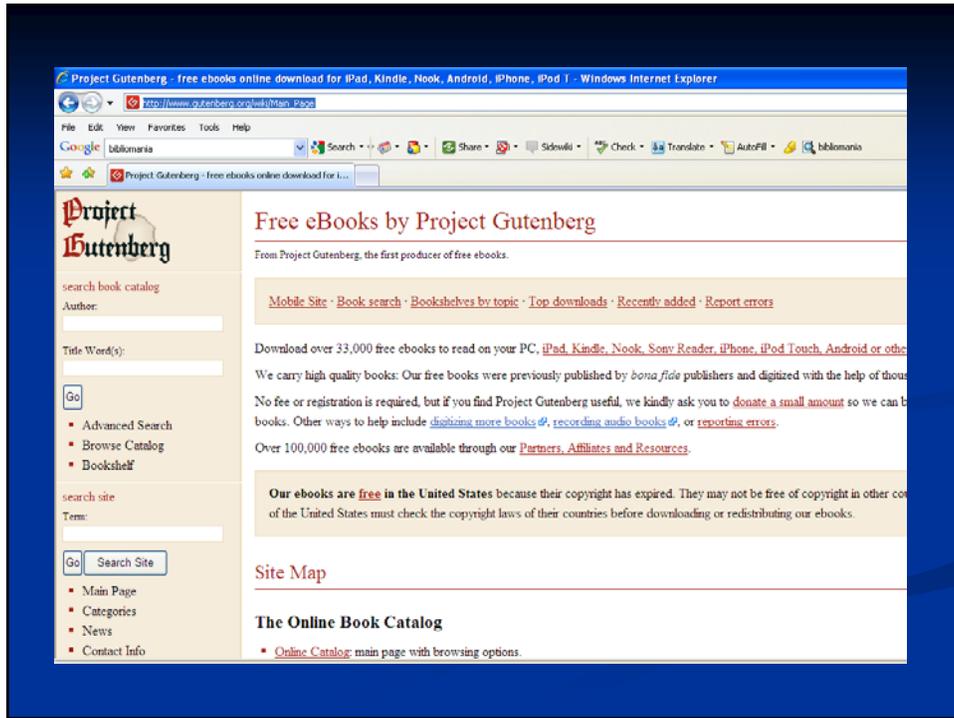
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