

# WEB SITE EVALUATION SHEET

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<b>Name of site:</b>	Encyclopaedia Britannica	<b>URL (site address)</b>	www.britannica.com
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<b>Subject/Curriculum Area And relevance:</b>	Information Technology (ICT) Unit 10 Year 8	<b>Age Range:</b>	12/13 year olds
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<b>Ease of use:</b> Is there a logical, coherent structure? Are the contents of the site clearly displayed? Is there an index/search facility? Is navigation within the site easy or hard?	The site is well structured and is American in origin. By entering 'gathering information on the internet' in the search box and clicking on 'Finding information on the internet: A Tutorial. You will be presented with a wealth of information on the topic.
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<b>Content:</b> Is the material appropriate for the target audience? Is the information reliable and valid (who are the authors?) Is there a sufficient breadth and depth of information? Is the material current up to date? When was the site last updated?	The material for this unit at least is more suited to the teacher and offers great breadth and depth. The authors are: Britannica.com, 310 South Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60604 USA The site was last updated in the year 2001 and the information is both current and up to date.
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<b>Design/Presentation:</b> Does the layout grab your attention? Is it simple and effective or too 'busy'? Do graphics and text appear quickly on the page or is there a long wait? Is there a good balance of text and graphic/video? Are there good links to other sites?	The site is both well designed and laid out and is fairly easy to navigate. The graphics appear reasonably quickly and there is a good balance of text and graphics. Links to other sites are few and far between within the topic at least but all the information you are likely to require at this level and beyond can be found here.
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<b>Interactive features:</b> MEDIUM – Lots of relevant internal links.
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<b>Utility:</b> How could you incorporate this site into a lesson? Could you get the information more quickly from another source?	This site could be used as the basis for the entire unit but would need to be simplified for pupil digestion. The site has a wealth of material for the subject area.
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<b>Marks out of 10:</b>	7	<b>Would you recommend to other teachers?</b>	Yes
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