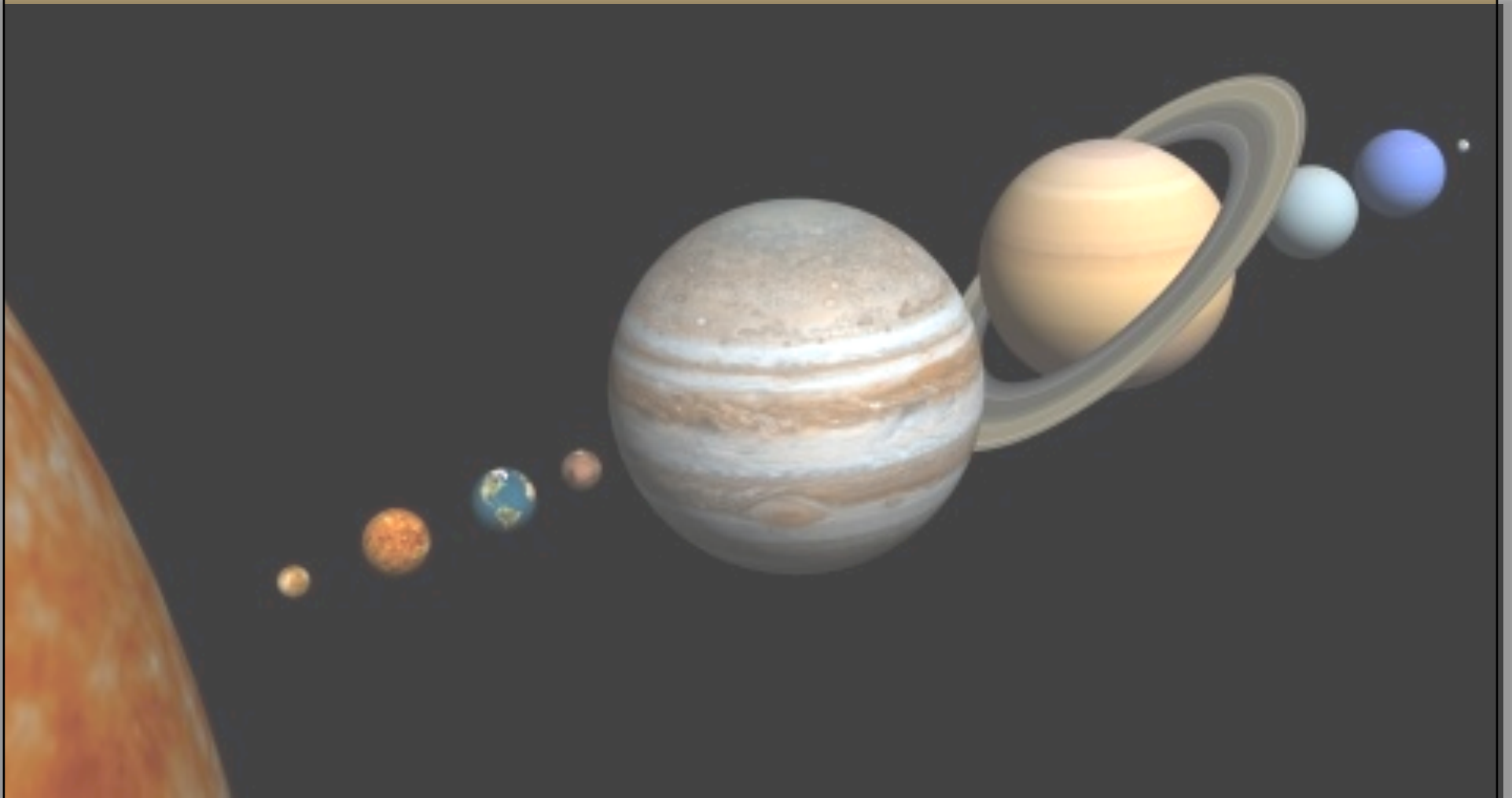


Solar System Bodies: Venus



WEB PAGE
Chapter 1, Grade 6

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California Standards

Reading Standard 2.1

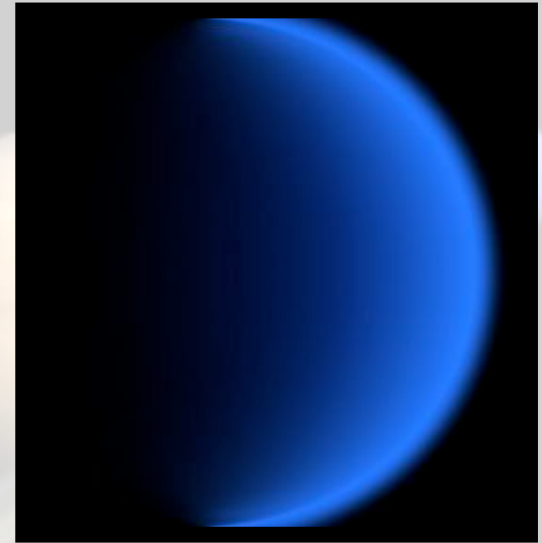
- Identify the structural features of popular media (for example, online information) and use the features to obtain information.

Background

Reading Informational Materials

Structural Features of Popular Media: The Internet

- In the past, if you wanted to learn about the real Venus, you would probably have to look in a reference book.
- Today, we have another important source of information at our fingertips
 - the internet.



Background

Reading Informational Materials

Using the Internet

- To find information on the internet, go to a **Web site** if you know the URL (uniform resource locator) or address of the site.



Background

Reading Informational Materials

Using the Internet

- To find information about Venus, you might try the **Web site** of NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) which is where the U.S. government conducts space exploration.



Background

Reading Informational Materials

Using the Internet

- Sometimes you have to use a **search engine**.
- Using a **search engine** gives you access to a gigantic library of information very quickly.



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Using the Internet

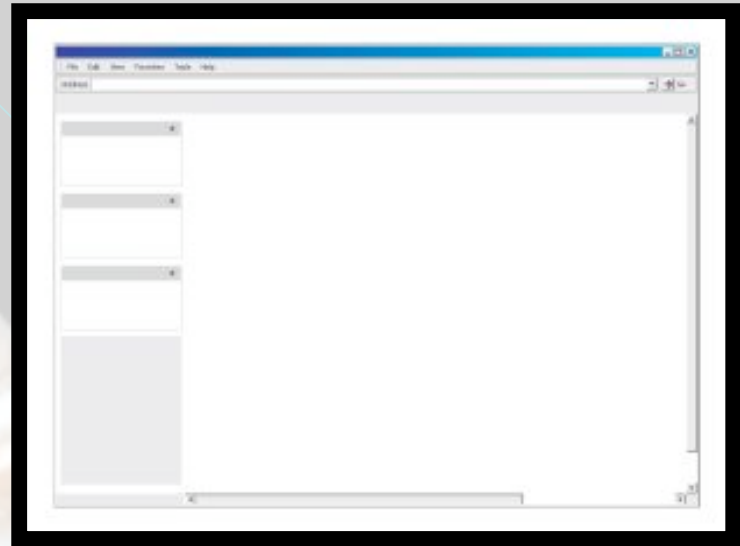
- A search will produce a list of **Web sites** relating to your topic.
- If a search produces no useful results, you may want to try another **search engine**.
- If a search produces too many results, you may have to use a more specific search term.

Background

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Online Skills: Getting Information

- Most Web sites share some **basic structural features**.
- Knowing how to recognize these features can help you find information online.



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Online Skills: Getting Information

- Most of what a site offers is shown on its **home page**.
- Start by reading basic information near the top of the **home page**.



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Online Skills: Getting Information

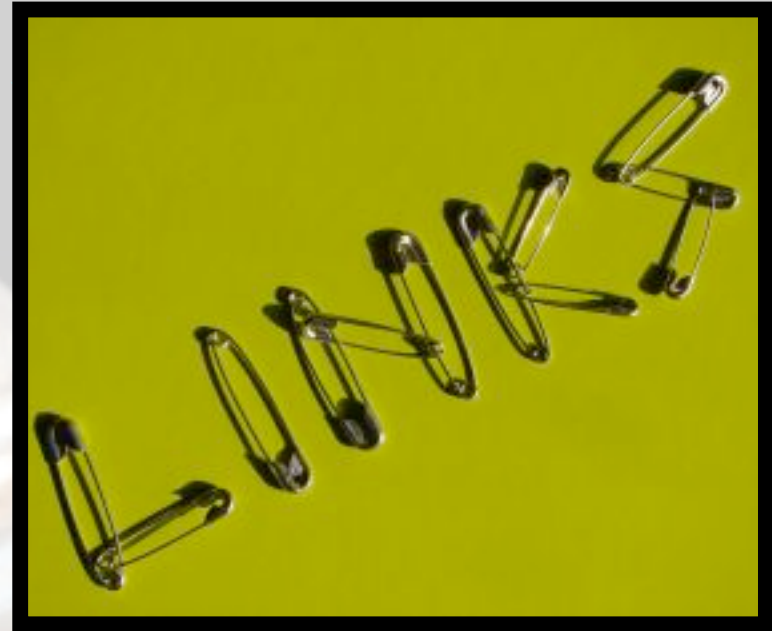
- Look for a **table of contents**, a list of the site's other pages.
- The **table of contents** appears on the side of the home page.
- Explore other pages where you may find information presented in articles, charts, and lists.

Background

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Online Skills: Getting Information

- Look for **links**, Web sites related to the one you're exploring.
- You can reach a **link** by clicking on its name.



Direct Teaching

Reading Informational Materials

Getting Information
from a Web Page

- How can you use the Web page to learn whether there have been discoveries about Venus?



Direct Teaching

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- Read the “Profile”
feature of the Web site.
- Can you identify
the purpose of
this section?



Direct Teaching

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Getting Information from a Web Page

- After reading the first three paragraphs, which feature would you use to compare the temperature of Venus with the temperatures of other planets?



Direct Teaching

Reading Informational Materials

Getting Information from a Web Page

- Visualize the planet Venus as you read.
- Did you know you can see what Venus actually looks like?
- How might you do this?

