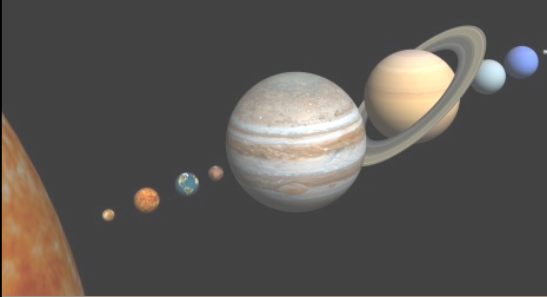


Solar System Bodies: Venus



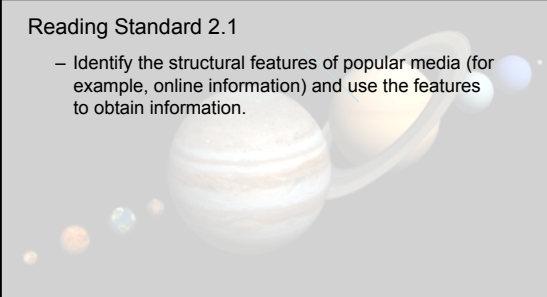
WEB PAGE
Chapter 1, Grade 6

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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.




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Background
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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.




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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.




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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.




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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

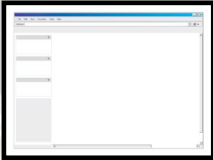
- A search will produce a list of **Web sites** relating to your topic.
- If a search produces no useful results, you may want to try another **search engine**.
- If a search produces too many results, you may have to use a more specific search term.

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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**.

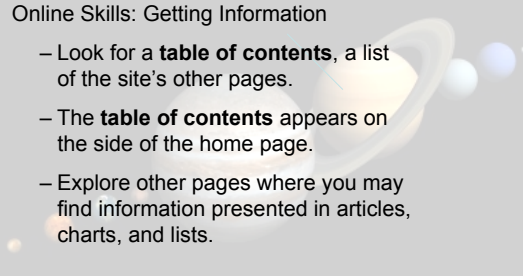


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Online Skills: Getting Information

- 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.

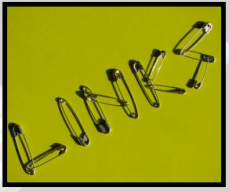


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Online Skills:
Getting Information

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




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Getting Information
from a Web Page

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




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Getting Information from a Web Page

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




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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?

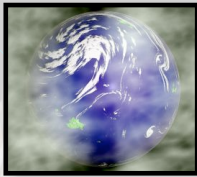


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Getting Information from a Web Page

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



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