

Guided Tour

Your guide to getting started
with Britannica Library



Britannica Library

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Welcome to the NEW Britannica Library

The Award-Winning Resource for Children and Adults

Easy to use, and easy to find trusted information.

Choose a level below to get started!

Kids  Teens  Adults 

Our highly reputable editorial team expertly create content at three levels to support research, completing homework assignments and working on special projects in the library or at home. Clicking on each of these levels will take you directly to the respective homepage.

Kids Level

The Kids Level is built and designed with younger users in mind, full of engaging and eye-catching colours and images, as well as regularly updated content that makes the homepage the perfect place to find unique material and discussion points.



Features Shortcuts

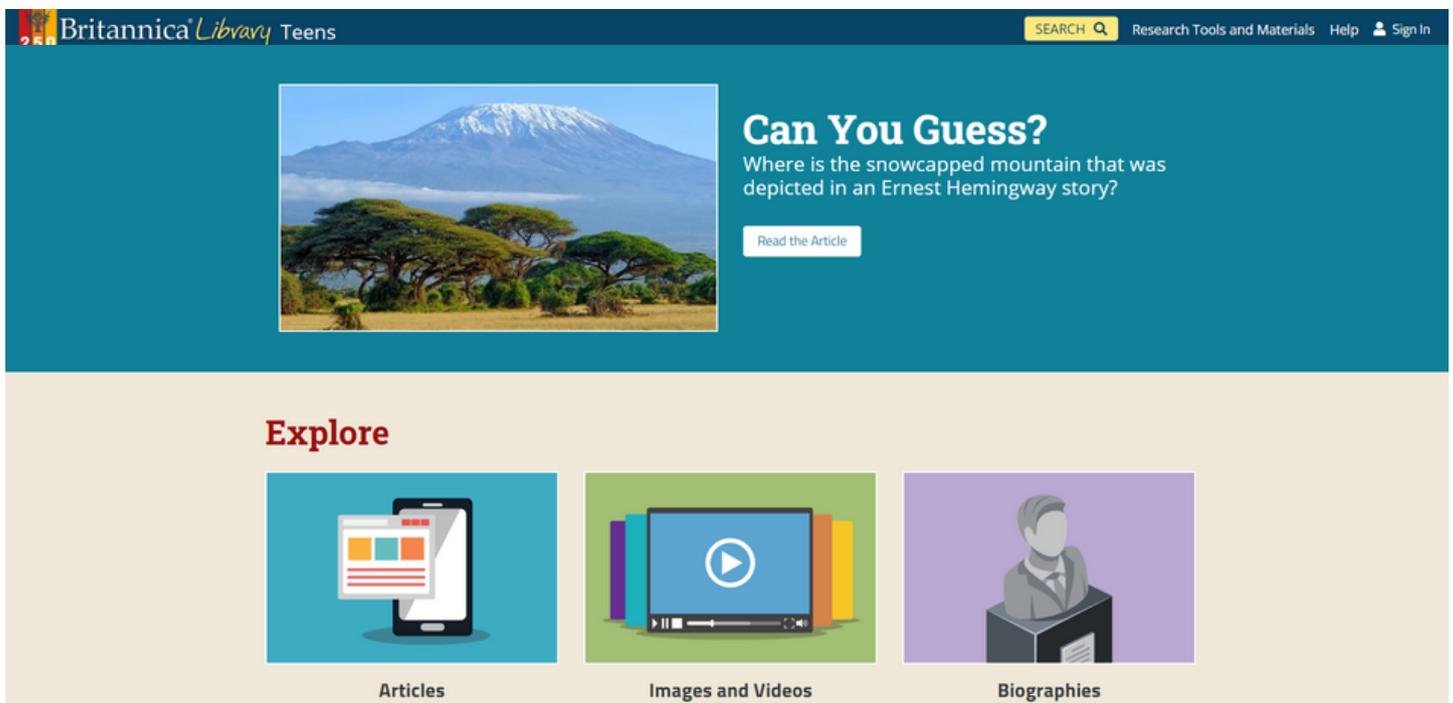
Allow kids the freedom to explore Britannica independently! Use the World Atlas to go on a virtual tour around the world, explore the Animal Kingdom or just enjoy some educational fun and games using Geography Explorer.

Global Awareness

It is important for kids to gain an understanding of the world in which they live through engagement with current affairs. From the Britannica Library homepage, kids have access to BTN news headlines to ensure that they are well informed.

Teens Level

Content and design at the Teens Level is adapted to cater to more mature users while resources can be used in a similar way - to inspire curiosity, stimulate discussion and encourage independent research. Additional features include a list of Primary Sources, a feature designed to provide you with first hand accounts of events or periods of time.



Britannica Library Teens

SEARCH Research Tools and Materials Help Sign In

Can You Guess?

Where is the snowcapped mountain that was depicted in an Ernest Hemingway story?

Read the Article

Explore

Articles Images and Videos Biographies

Compare Countries & World Atlas

You can find Compare Countries and World Atlas features on the Teens homepage. They are powered by the World Bank, ensuring country statistics are consistently updated and reliable. Use these features to find statistical snapshots and learn about any other country.



Compare Countries

Sierra Leone and Liberia border one another in West Africa.

World Atlas

Tour Australia

Primary Sources

Crucial to any successful research project is evidence of using both primary and secondary sources. Here, teens have direct access to letters, speeches and other primary source material to broaden their research.



Recommended Primary Sources

Find letters, speeches, and other primary source material.

- Egyptian Book of the Dead
- Code of Hammurabi
- Sayings of Confucius
- Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War
- Magna Carta
- Marco Polo's Travels
- Christopher Columbus's Letter to the King and Queen of Spain
- Niccolò Machiavelli's The Prince

Adults Level

Content at the Adult level is geared towards users in Senior Secondary or pursuing further education. Features such as Flash Facts and In Their Words are great launchpads for critical thinking and fostering mature debates. With live news feeds from the ABC, BBC and The New York Times, users can easily stay on top of current issues and engage with global perspectives.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Adults homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo, a search bar, and links for 'Research Tools and Materials', 'Help', and 'Sign In'. The main content area features a featured article titled 'European Southern Observatory' under the heading 'SCIENCE IN PICTURES'. The article includes a photograph of the observatory at night with the Milky Way visible in the sky. Below the article, there is an 'EXPLORE OTHER SCIENCE AND MATH MEDIA:' section with a list of tags: telescope, galaxy, planet, and constellation. Below this is an 'Explore' section with four category tiles: 'ARTICLES' (with a person reading a book icon), 'IMAGES AND VIDEOS' (with a camera icon), 'BIOGRAPHIES' (with a person icon), and 'AUSTRALIA IN FOCUS' (with a landscape icon). Two blue arrows point from the text below to the 'BIOGRAPHIES' and 'IMAGES AND VIDEOS' tiles.

Biographies

This is the perfect starting point to begin inquiries into people of a specific era or occupation. From the influential to the infamous, Britannica's rich collection of biographies are always compiled factually and impartially.

Media Browse

Explore a wide range of high quality multimedia resources to support your research and develop your understanding of a topic. There is content to cover every aspect of human knowledge, from architecture and life processes to modern literature and technology.

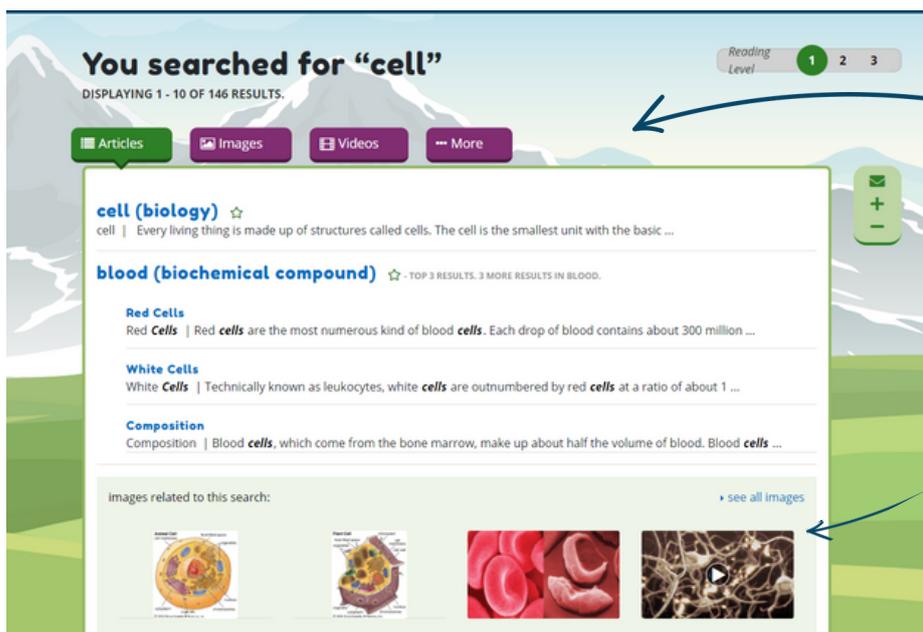
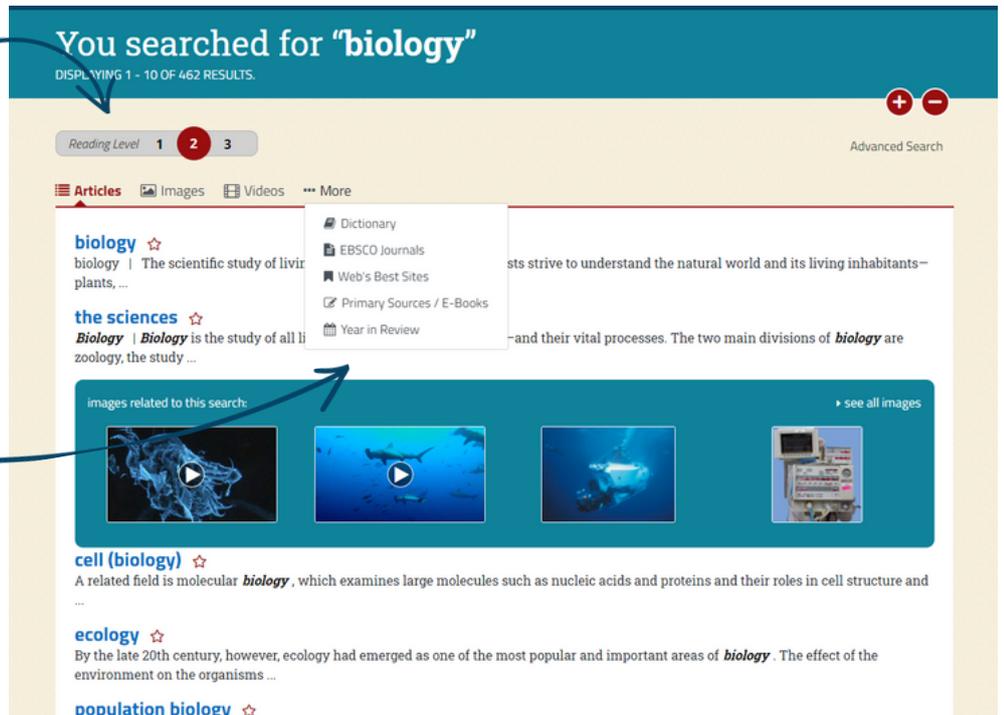
Search Results Page

Differentiation

Separate homepages for three levels— Kids, Teens, or Adults — lets you find the most suitable content for your school projects or for learning something new.

"More" Menu

Users have access to a wide range of related materials, such as EBSCO Journals, Web's Best Sites or Primary Sources, to support their research of the topic across all three levels.



Content Buttons

Content buttons allow users to filter content via the type, such as Articles, Images and Videos, or click More to find related content.

Multimedia

Tap into a large number of high quality, citable videos and images, catering for all project uses and learning styles.

Content Page Tools

Favourite

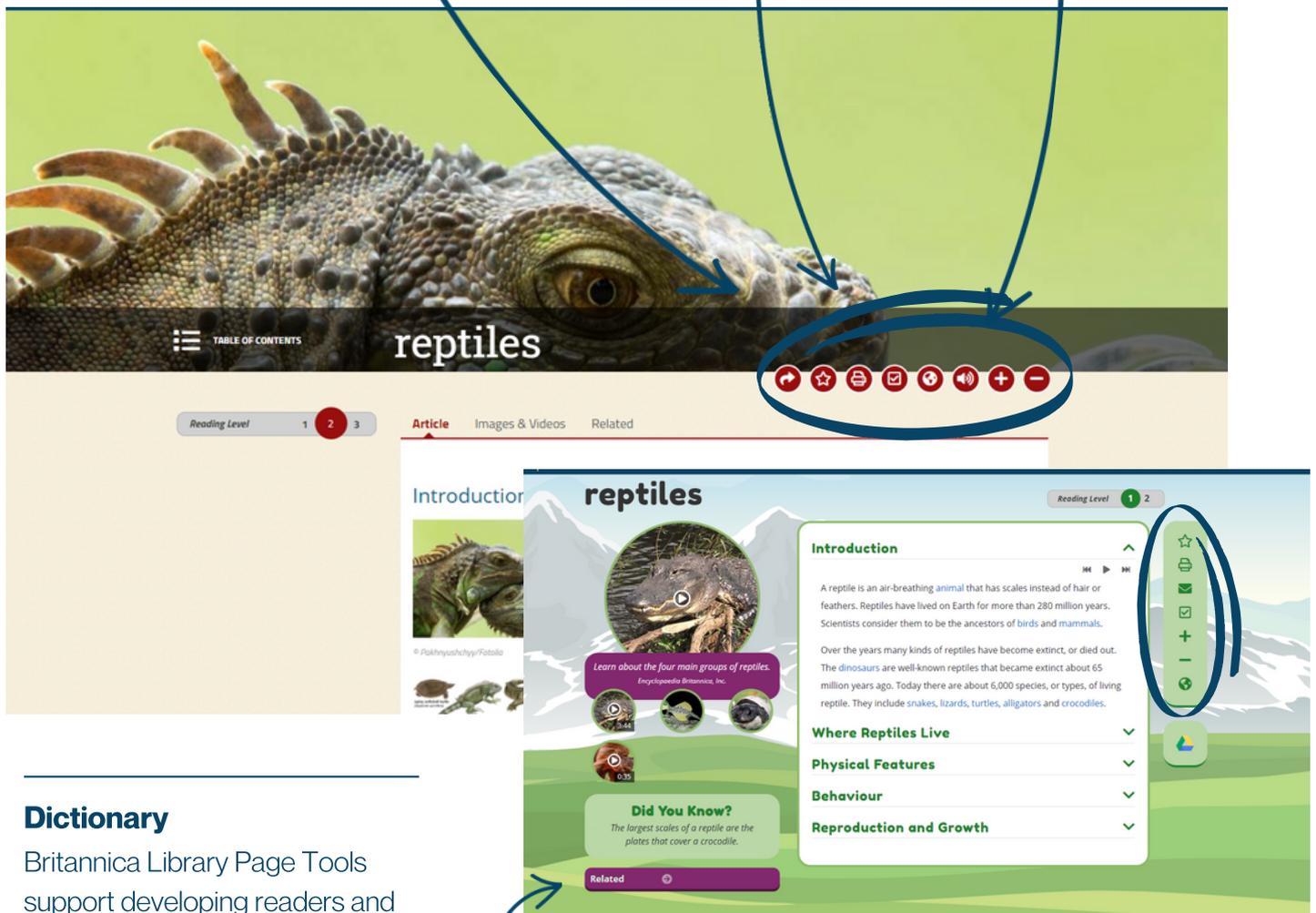
Click on the star icon to add an article to your Favourites or a specific Resource Pack that you've created. This is a great way to organise your research or plan for a topic-specific session.

Cite

Automatically generate source citation in line with global academic standards, keeping this sometimes difficult process as simple as possible for all ages.

Read Aloud

Use the Read Aloud tool to hear the text read by a neutral voice, with the words being highlighted on screen.



Dictionary

Britannica Library Page Tools support developing readers and encourage independent research. Users can double click any word in an article to see a dictionary definition and grow their vocabulary.

Challenge

Read more advanced content found in the higher levels. Click the Related tab to expand your research and make meaningful connections between content.

My Content

Set yourself up with a personal My Content account. Here, you are able to view your favoured content and organise them into Resource Packs. The notes section lets you take down simple points and ideas making Resource Packs a great tool for digital research!

The screenshot shows the 'My Content' interface for a user named Hannah Creelman. The page title is 'My Content' and it displays a 'Resource Pack' titled 'Ocean Conservation Teens'. The pack includes options to 'Edit Pack', 'Share', and 'Delete Pack'. Under the 'Details' section, 'Grade Levels*', 'Subjects', and 'Description' are all set to 'None'. The 'Resources' section shows a list of items: 'Botany Bay beach' (an image) with a description 'A beach at Botany Bay is one the many beaches of Sydney, Australia.' and a note 'Task 1 - Beaches'. Below it is 'recycling plant' (an image) with a description 'Workers sort materials at a recycling facility.' The interface also includes a search bar, navigation links for 'Research Tools and Materials' and 'Help', and a 'My Content' dropdown menu.

How can Librarians use Resource Packs?

Resource Packs provide the perfect area for librarians to collate all relevant resources for a specific theme or topic. Use the notes section for forward planning. Upload your own documents into a Resource Pack alongside Britannica content.

How can Patrons use Resource Packs?

Whilst researching, patrons can keep track of the content they have found by organising it into a Resource Pack. They can write summaries of key points within the notes section and share content with their peers.

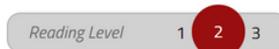
English as a Second Language

Dictionary

Double-click any word within an article or primary source to see a Quick-Click dictionary definition.

Reading Levels

Adjust the difficulty of an article by toggling between 3 level labels.



Read Aloud

Click the play icon to listen to an audio version of an article.

A screenshot of the Britannica website's 'reptiles' article page. The page features a large image of a lizard's head. Below the image, there is a navigation bar with a 'Reading Level' selector (levels 1, 2, 3) and a 'Read Aloud' button (speaker icon). A blue arrow points from the 'Reading Levels' section to the '2' button in the 'Reading Level' selector. Another blue arrow points from the 'Read Aloud' section to the speaker icon. The article content is partially visible, showing the title '爬蟲類' (Reptiles) and an introduction in Chinese. The page also includes a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' button and various social media and utility icons.

Support for all English Abilities

Britannica Library has a range of inbuilt tools to support users learning English as an additional language or dialect.

Translate

Support English as a second language users by translating articles into over 100 languages. Use the Globe icon to toggle between languages and develop language comprehension skills.

Access ID _____

Passcode _____

Username _____

Password _____



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