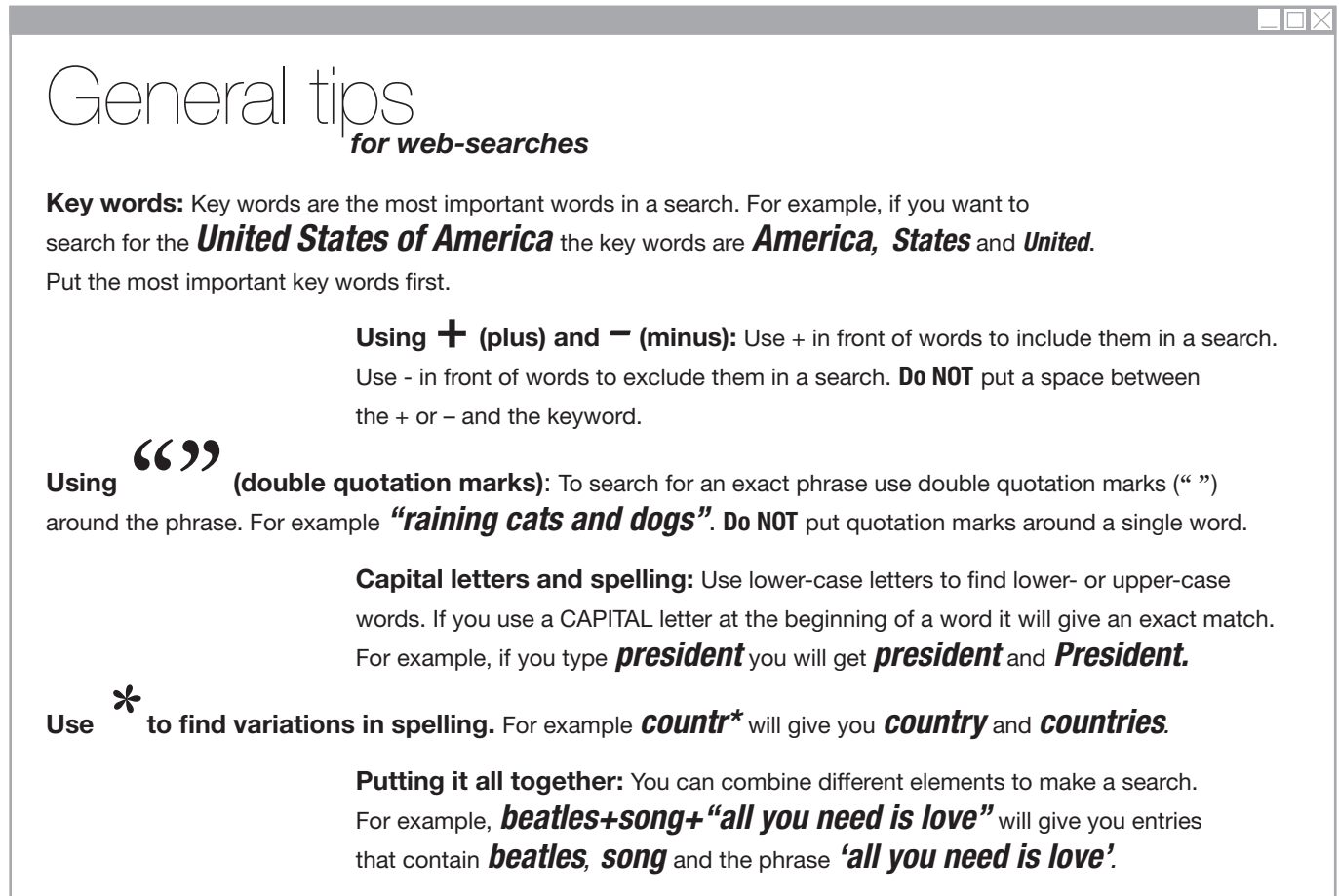


1 Look at the following web-search engines. Which ones do you know? Are there any search engines specific to your country?

Google Bing Yahoo Ask.com

2 Read the general tips for web-searches.



General tips
for web-searches

Key words: Key words are the most important words in a search. For example, if you want to search for the **United States of America** the key words are **America, States** and **United**. Put the most important key words first.

Using + (plus) and - (minus): Use + in front of words to include them in a search. Use - in front of words to exclude them in a search. **Do NOT** put a space between the + or - and the keyword.

Using “ ” (double quotation marks): To search for an exact phrase use double quotation marks (“ ”) around the phrase. For example **“raining cats and dogs”**. **Do NOT** put quotation marks around a single word.

Capital letters and spelling: Use lower-case letters to find lower- or upper-case words. If you use a CAPITAL letter at the beginning of a word it will give an exact match. For example, if you type **president** you will get **president** and **President**.

Use * to find variations in spelling. For example **count*** will give you **country** and **countries**.

Putting it all together: You can combine different elements to make a search. For example, **beatles+song+“all you need is love”** will give you entries that contain **beatles, song** and the phrase **‘all you need is love’**.

3 Now read some additional tips for internet searching, adapted from the Google search tips page.



- 1 keep it simple
- 2 use **common** words
- 3 use fewer words
- 4 use **descriptive** words

4 Use a search engine to find examples of the following:

- a a page of quotations about the English language
- b a page about fruit and vegetables
- c a page about fruit but not vegetables
- d a song that includes the words *and now the time has come*
- e a page about the meaning of *colours* (UK spelling) or *colors* (US spelling)