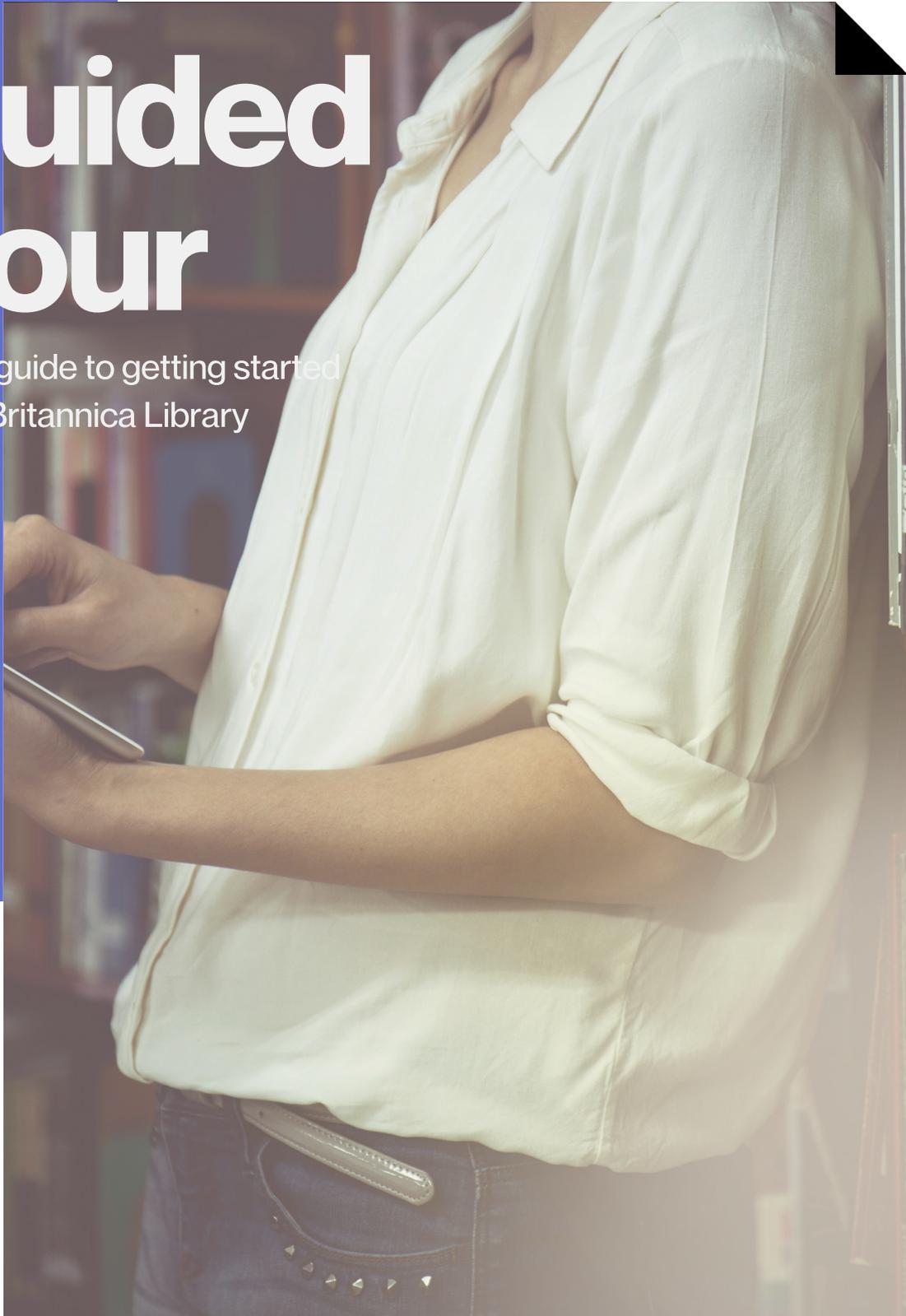


Guided Tour

Your guide to getting started
with Britannica Library



Who are we?



Britannica Digital Learning

For 250 years, Britannica has collaborated with experts, scholars, educators, designers and specialists as well as our global team of editors who rigorously review all content to produce digital learning products that we believe are critical to providing a reliable, useful and enjoyable learning experience.

We have worked hard to design a digital library resource that can support every age and ability to read, research and learn. Our resources can be accessed online from any device, meaning that we're able to provide support wherever you need it.

Britannica Library

Welcome to 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!



Junior



Student



Adult



Our passion is – and always has been – bringing high quality, reliable and accessible learning resources to people all over the world.

Our highly reputable editorial team, expertly create content at three levels to support library members of all ages.

Clicking on each of these levels will take you directly to the respective homepage.

Junior Level

Built and designed with younger learners in mind, the engaging and eye-catching colours and images help to grasp and keep their attention. Regularly updated content makes the homepage the perfect place to find new information at their level!

Which Is It?

The following animals can be found in Australia. Which is NOT a mammal?

platypus flying fox koala black swan

< Previous 3 of 3 Next >

Explore

Articles Images & Videos Biographies

The screenshot shows a quiz titled "Which Is It?" with a question: "The following animals can be found in Australia. Which is NOT a mammal?". Below the question are four image cards: platypus, flying fox, koala, and black swan. Below the cards is a navigation bar with "< Previous 3 of 3 Next >". Below the quiz is an "Explore" section with three icons: a document for "Articles", a photo and video player for "Images & Videos", and a woman's face for "Biographies".

Features Shortcut

Younger library members have 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 in the Early Learning Zone.

Global Awareness

We believe it is crucial for children to understand the world in which they live, not only through the content that we provide but also through engagement with current affairs around the world. From the homepage, children have access to the CBBC news headlines to ensure that they are well informed.

Student Level

The content and design is adapted to cater to a more mature learner, however, resources can be used in a similar way - to inspire curiosity, engage in discussion and encourage independent learning. Additional features on the Student homepage include the Daily Buzzword to develop vocabulary, and news headlines powered now by the BBC.

Explore



Articles

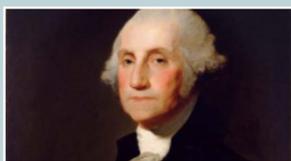


Images and Videos



Biographies

At a Glance



The U.S. president is arguably the most powerful elected official in the world.



Dinosaurs were the dominant land animals on Earth for nearly 180 million years.



Hispanic Americans, or Latinos, form the largest ethnic minority group in the United States. Learn more about their heritage.



Scientists work to improve our knowledge and understanding of the universe.

Compare Countries

The Compare Countries feature is powered by the World Bank meaning that these statistics are constantly updated and reliable. Use this feature to support global awareness and understanding of other countries around the world using unbiased, factual information.

Images and Videos

Explore a wide range of high quality multimedia resources to support research and develop understanding of a topic. This content varies to cover every topic of interest, from architecture, to life processes, to technology.

Adult Level

Content at the Adult Level is designed to be of relevance to older, more advanced library members. Features such as Flash Facts and In Their Words are designed to support critical thinking and mature debates. With live news feeds from the BBC and The New York Times, adults can keep up to date with global perspectives and current events.

Compare Countries

Compare countries and territories to learn about the people, governments, and terrain of our world.



[Explore Compare Countries](#)

World Atlas



[Explore Atlas](#)

[Tour Europe](#)

Recommended Primary Sources

Find letters, speeches, and other primary source materials.

- 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

Biographies

The perfect starting point to begin an inquiry into people of a specific era or occupation. From the influential to the infamous, this feature will provide the facts, not the opinions.

Primary Sources

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

Search Results Page

Differentiation

Support your reading by selecting the level of information you are most comfortable with. This is a simple and immediate way of simplifying information for each type of library member.

Journals

Across all three of the reading levels, library members have access to a wide range of educational magazines and journals, provided by EBSCO.

The screenshot shows a search results page for the term "mountain". At the top, a teal banner reads "You searched for 'mountain'" and "DISPLAYING 1 - 10 OF 1,651 RESULTS.". Below this is a navigation bar with "Reading Level" tabs for 1, 2, and 3, where level 2 is selected. There are also "Advanced Search" and "Articles" buttons. The main content area lists two results: "mountain (landform)" and "mountain climbing (sport)". Below the text results is a section titled "images related to this search:" which contains four image thumbnails. The first image is a mountain range, and the second is a lake reflecting a mountain. Below the images is a result for "Elburz Mountains (mountain range in Iran)".

The screenshot shows a search results page for the term "space". At the top, a light blue banner reads "You searched for 'space'" and "DISPLAYING 1 - 20 OF 31 RESULTS.". Below this is a navigation bar with buttons for "Articles", "Images", "Videos", and "More". A dropdown menu is open under "More", showing options for "Dictionary", "Magazines and Journals", and "Web's Best Sites". The main content area displays a grid of search results, each with a thumbnail image and a caption. The first result is "The first US space shuttle lifted off on 12 April 1981 from the John F. Kennedy...". The second is "The space shuttle Discovery lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida...". The third is "The space shuttle Discovery prepares to dock with the International Space Station...".

Multimedia

Every search will provide suggested high quality, citable videos and images. These can be used to engage less confident readers and saved or copied for educational use.

Web's Best Sites

This feature will redirect learners to a separate web page. However, these sites have all been vetted to ensure that they are relevant and appropriate for the learning of members at each level.

Article 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 of gathering information from Britannica.

Cite

Britannica's in-built citation tool makes it easier to reference information from our source. It offers four styles to choose from.

Translate

Translate content into your first language with a choice of over 100 different languages. Develop your English skills by hovering over the translation to view the original text.

The screenshot displays the article page for "space exploration" with several interactive features highlighted:

- Did You Know?** A teal box on the left contains the text: "The first U.S. effort to launch a human into space was known as Project Mercury."
- Introduction** section with a video player showing a space shuttle launch.
- Read Aloud** tool: A purple box over the text "The first US space shuttle lifted off on 12 Apr 1981 from the John F. Kennedy Space Center" includes a play button and a duration of 0:56.
- Dictionary** tool: A yellow box over the word "satellite" provides the definition: "satellite noun \ˈsæt-əl-ɪt\ • a follower resembling a slave • a heavenly body orbiting another of larger size • a man-made object or vehicle intended to orbit the earth, the moon, or another heavenly body".
- Further Reading** list: A list of related topics including "The Race into Space", "Space Stations", and "Space Shuttles" with checkmarks.
- Navigation** and **Tools**: A top navigation bar with "Article", "Images & Videos", and "Related" tabs. A toolbar below the title contains icons for back, star, print, share, read aloud, and volume. A "Reading Level" indicator shows level 2 selected.

Reading Support

We have put tools in place to support developing readers and to encourage independent learning. Use the Read Aloud tool to hear the text read, with the words being highlighted on screen. Double click on a word for the dictionary definition.

Further Reading

Click the Related tab when viewing content in order to expand research and make meaningful connections between content..

My Britannica

My Content

Welcome, UK Team School

Favourites

Resource Packs

Favourites

DISPLAYING 1 - 7 of 2573 FAVOURITES

All content types



parrot fish

ARTICLE - LEVEL 1

Parrot fish is the name of more than 80 species, or types, of tropical fish found near coral reefs. Parrot fish were named for their birdlike beak, which they use to scrape...

+ Add to Resource Pack



flying fish

ARTICLE - LEVEL 1

The unique fish called flying fish appear to soar above the water. But they do not actually fly by flapping wings, like birds do. Instead, they jump from the water and use...

+ Add to Resource Pack



What is the My Britannica section?

An area where you can create a personal login to save and store any item from your searches for future use or reference.

What are Resource Packs?

When you favourite an item, it saves it to your personal My Britannica area. You can then create a Resource Pack to organise your favourites.

Additional Tools

Notes can be added to any item within a Resource Pack. You can also share your pack using the email or share URL buttons.



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