

BOOST YOUR SKILLS IN **COMPUTER BASICS AND WINDOWS 11**

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Researching on the Internet

Learning Objectives

- Use Google to perform a basic search
- Use Google to search for images
- Protect yourself from web threats
- Complete a complicated search

Performing a Basic Web Search

- **Search engines** are specialized websites that help you find and sort information on the web.

TIP! Think of a search engine as your own personal web librarian.

- Searching tips:
 - Pick a few key words to describe your search item.
 - Be specific.
 - Spell your search words correctly.
 - Keep trying.

Improving Your Search Results

- To ensure more accurate search results:
 - Be mindful of word order.
 - Type in lowercase.
 - Use correct spelling.
 - Type your search as a question.
 - Use a minus sign when necessary.

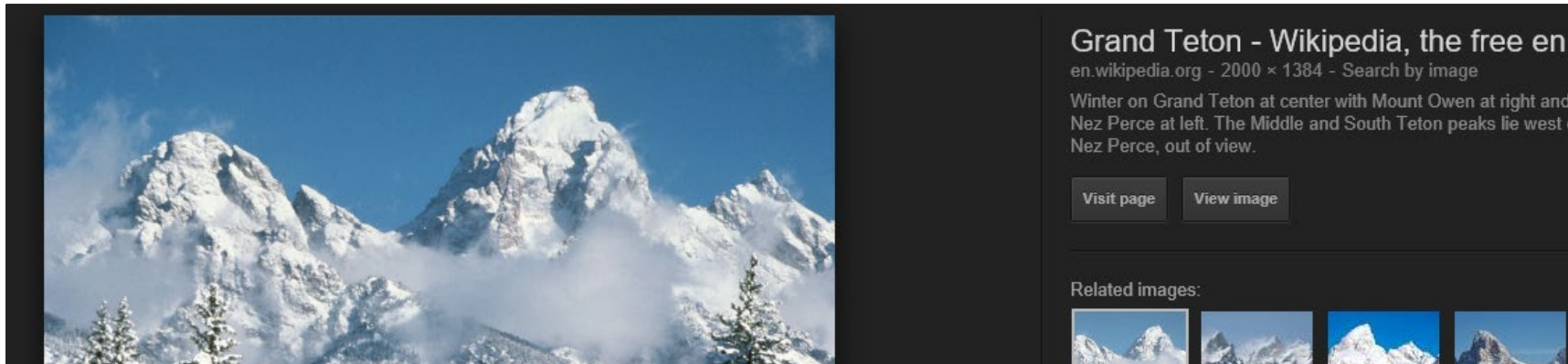
The Hidden Web

- Much of the Internet is not indexed by search engines.
- Many of these sites require registration or payment to use.
- Many schools and libraries have access to databases that are not searchable from a search engine.

Searching for Images

Click an image in your results to get:

- Related images
- A link to the image's web page
- A link for viewing the image at its original size



NOTE! *You do not always have the right to use images that appear in your search results. Copyright laws apply.*

Defending Yourself from Web Threats

Three types of software handle most of the defense of your computer:

- **Firewall software** acts much like the outer defensive wall on a medieval castle.
- **Antivirus software** defends against small programs written to disrupt your computer.
- **Antispyware** scans your computer and removes cookies and software bits.