

Searching for the Information You Need

Study Guide

Use Google or Yahoo! for your search engine.

Look to see if there is a **localized version** of the site for the country you are researching (Ex.: For information about England, use <http://www.google.co.uk/>. For information about Italy, use <http://it.yahoo.com/>.) Only about 4% of the Web is in Japanese.

Think about the **keywords** you use. Make sure they are spelled correctly and input in English or the language of the country you are researching.

Remember to use **Google Language Tools** <http://www.google.co.jp/language_tools?hl=ja> to help you translate web pages that are not written in Japanese.

If you don't find the information you are looking for, search for **general travel sites**, using keywords such as *Rome travel* or *India travel*. Other good keywords: *getting around India*, *Sydney buses*, *Berlin hotels*, *Canada currency*, *study abroad in Spain*, *Paris Metro*, etc.

Look at the web page carefully for other useful links. For example, on this page regarding London taxis <<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/modalpages/2680.aspx>>, I found a link to this very good general London Transport Guide <<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/default.aspx>>.

Some good general sites:

<http://www.about.com/travel/>

<http://www.virtualtourist.com/>

<http://www.tripadvisor.com>

<http://www.travelocity.com/> (for air tickets, hotels, car rentals)

If you are having a difficult time, bring specific examples of information you are having a difficult time finding.