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STAGE 3 · COMPUTING · NETWORKS AND THE INTERNET

Networks and the internet

Everything the questions ask about is taught on the page before them, so nobody has to know the computing beforehand.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- What a network is
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- Asking a better question
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- How each one is worked

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4 topics · something to do at the end

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How a search decides what to show you

Read this first. Then answer the questions underneath.



A search engine does not look at the whole internet when you type. It looked earlier, and kept a list.

Programs called crawlers follow links from page to page all day, and write down what is on each one. That list is what gets searched.

When your words match many pages, something has to decide the order. That decision is called ranking, and it uses things like how many other pages link to a page, how well the words match, and how recently it changed.

Being first does not mean being right. It means a program judged it most likely to be what somebody like you wanted.

Using search technologies effectively means knowing that, and being discerning about what you find rather than taking the first answer.

1. **What are the programs that follow links called?**
   One word.

2. **What is deciding the order called?**
   One word.

3. **Name two things ranking uses.**
   Three are listed.

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Quick check



One right answer each, and every answer is somewhere in this pack. Ring the letter.

1. **Asking a better question What beats more words that are vague?**
   (A) Email is another. A video call is another (B) Fewer words that are more exact (C) A bus is a service that runs on a road (D) Radio

2. **What a network is What is wifi?**
   (A) Please and can you tell me (B) Ranking (C) A network of networks (D) Radio

3. **Asking a better question What does a search engine ignore?**
   (A) Please and can you tell me (B) Email is another. A video call is another (C) A network of networks (D) Fewer words that are more exact

4. **How a search decides what to show you What is deciding the order called?**
   (A) Please and can you tell me (B) Ranking (C) Crawlers (D) Fewer words that are more exact

5. **The web is not the internet What is the web compared to?**
   (A) Please and can you tell me (B) A network of networks (C) A bus is a service that runs on a road (D) Ranking

6. **What a network is What is the internet?**
   (A) Crawlers (B) Ranking (C) The network itself (D) A network of networks

7. **The web is not the internet What is the internet, in this passage?**
   (A) A bus is a service that runs on a road (B) The network itself (C) Please and can you tell me (D) A network of networks

8. **The web is not the internet Name three things besides the web that travel on the internet.**
   (A) A bus is a service that runs on a road (B) Email is another. A video call is another (C) Crawlers (D) Radio

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How each one is worked, continued

THE WEB IS NOT THE INTERNET, CONTINUED



4. WORK IT OUT Why is the road and bus comparison a good one?

1. The bus needs the road. The road does not need the bus.
2. The web needs the internet, and the internet carried other things before the web existed and still does.
3. The passage says the road is not the bus.

Answer: **Because one carries the other, and the road would still be there without that particular bus**

HOW A SEARCH DECIDES WHAT TO SHOW YOU

1. What are the programs that follow links called?

1. The passage says programs called crawlers follow links from page to page.
2. So the answer is **crawlers**.

Answer: **Crawlers**

2. What is deciding the order called?

1. The passage says that decision is called ranking.
2. So the answer is **ranking**.

Answer: **Ranking**

3. Name two things ranking uses.

1. The passage says how many other pages link to a page, how well the words match, and how recently it changed.
2. Any two of those is right.

Answer: **How many other pages link to a page, how well the words match, and how recently it changed**

4. WORK IT OUT Why does being first in a search not mean being right?

1. Ranking uses links, word matching and how recent a page is.
2. None of those is a test of whether the page is correct.
3. The passage says it means a program judged it most likely to be what somebody like you wanted.

Answer: **Because a program judged it most likely to be wanted, which is not the same as judging it true**

ASKING A BETTER QUESTION

1. What beats more words that are vague?

1. The passage says fewer words that are more exact beats more words that are vague.
2. So that is the answer.

Answer: **Fewer words that are more exact**

2. What does a search engine ignore?

1. The passage says a search engine ignores please and can you tell me anyway.
2. So that is the answer.

Answer: **Please and can you tell me**

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SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

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