

Free Internet Websites

The internet has websites that can be used to quickly check or practice your skills. Some websites have games and quizzes that can also be used to brush up skills. The games are easy and are great fun. Here are some of the best websites.

Check your Skills

A free and easy way to check your literacy and numeracy skills.

Move On

Move On is a national project aimed at helping adults to brush up their skills and gain the National Certificate in Adult Literacy or Numeracy. On their website you can check your skills by doing a mini-test. Visit www.move-on.org.uk. Click on the 'Test Your Skills' link to try a 'mini-test' in literacy or numeracy (or both).

Practice or Improve your Skills

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Practice tests at levels 1 and 2 can also be found here. You can choose whether to practice on the computer or print off a paper version."

BBC Skillswise

This website has factsheets and worksheets to help you improve your English and Maths skills. The website is for people who wish to study at Level 1 (this means get a qualification equivalent to GCSE grades D to G). Visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>

Fun websites - games, quizzes.

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Punctuation Game

'Eats, Shoots and Leaves' punctuation game. Try this quick quiz to check out how good you are at using commas and apostrophes. It's fun!

<http://www.savethecomma.com/game/>

'Maths'

For some fun maths related games try <http://www.counton.org/games/> .

Wordia


This website is a video dictionary website. It gives the meanings of words using short videos and encourages you to submit your own video. Great fun!

Visit <http://www.wordia.com/words/practice/videos/247>

Stop Sending Emails You May Later Regret

Late-night drunken messages could be a thing of the past. Google email users can use a new feature called Mail Goggles which reduces the risk of sending angry or emotional emails that they may later regret.

When sending an email, Mail Goggles throws up five simple maths problems on the screen. You can choose beforehand how much time it would take you to solve the problems when you are sober.



The screenshot shows a blue dialog box titled "Mail Goggles". The text inside reads: "It's that time of day. Gmail aims to help you in many ways. Are you sure you want to send this? Answer some simple math problems to verify." Below this text are five math problems, each followed by a white input box: $69 - 38 =$, $11 \times 2 =$, $37 + 19 =$, $2 \times 5 =$, and $48 - 38 =$. In the center of the dialog, the text "43 seconds" is displayed in red. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Send" and "Cancel".

The maths questions to assess your state of mind before sending an email late at night.

If you manage to answer the calculations correctly in the time allotted, you are deemed of sound enough mind to send the email. To activate Goggles, Gmail users should click the 'Settings' link at the top of a Gmail page, then go to the 'Labs' section. The tool is active between 10pm and 4am on Friday and Saturday, although times can be adjusted.

Gmail engineer Jon Perlow designed the Goggles with his own weaknesses in mind. 'Sometimes I send messages I shouldn't send. Like the time I told that girl I had a crush on her over text message. 'Or the time I sent that late night e-mail to my ex-girlfriend that we should get back together,'.