

Encyclopædia Britannica Online Academic Edition brings together the world-renowned content of the encyclopedia, with the speed and convenience of the Internet. To help you use the site more effectively, we've created this short tour. It will guide you from the home page through a search results page and finally to an article page. In addition, it will highlight some of the additional features of the site, including World Data, Notable Quotations, and Gateway to the Classics.

Navigating the Home Page

The Home Page is an entryway to all the resources available on the site.

Searching

Find information quickly and easily by searching the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, magazines and journals, the Web's Best Sites, and Britannica videos. Simply type in a word or phrase and click Go.

For more complex queries, try the Advanced Search.

You can also search the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* and *Thesaurus* from the Home page. First type a word in the search box, then select *Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus* under the search box and click Go.

The Index

A tool for finding all the references to a topic throughout the *Encyclopædia Britannica*.

A-Z Browse

Encyclopedia articles displayed in a traditional alphabetical arrangement.

Subject Browse

Encyclopedia articles organized by topic, allowing you to find related articles.

World Atlas

Maps and articles on nations, people, and places from around the globe are easily located with this feature.

Timelines

Trace selected topics through history with illustrations and key dates.

Year in Review Browse

Notable events and people of the recent past are covered in annual updates.

World Data

Statistical portraits of the countries of the world, and tools for making comparative charts and tables.

Notable Quotations

A collection of 4,000 thought-provoking quotations that can be browsed by author or subject.

Gateway to the Classics

225 works by 140 authors will introduce you to the great ideas of the Western world.

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Highlighted articles chosen by Britannica editors encourage you to learn something new every day.

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Learn more about notable people born on today's date.

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Bring the past to the present with key dates in world history.

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The New York Times, *BBC News*, and *SBS World News* feeds keep you informed of breaking news.

Search Results

After entering a word or phrase in the search box and clicking Go, you will see a page that looks similar to the one below. It provides an overview of the different results that match your query, allowing you to select one of the sources, or try a new search.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'volcano' on the Encyclopædia Britannica Online website. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** Includes 'HOME', 'WORKSPACE', 'GUIDED TOUR', and 'HELP' links at the top right. A search bar at the top left contains the query 'volcano' and a 'GO' button.
- Search Results:** The main content area displays 'SEARCH RESULTS: "volcano"' with 'Results 1-20 of 430'. It lists various types of volcanoes and volcanic features, such as 'Izalco Volcano', 'Mayon Volcano', 'Tajumulco Volcano', 'Iwuchevskan Volcano', 'Misti Volcano', 'Pavlof Volcano', 'Capulin Volcano National Monument', 'Santa Ana Volcano', 'Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument', 'mud volcano', 'Volcano Islands', 'Canação Mount', 'Ilopango Lake', and 'Nyamulagira Mount'. Each entry includes a small image and a brief description.
- Media:** A section on the right titled 'MEDIA' shows 'Results 1-4 of 69' and includes images of volcanoes and a diagram of a volcano's internal structure.
- Videos:** A section on the right titled 'VIDEOS' shows 'Results 1-3 of 3' and includes video thumbnails for 'Kilauea (1:41)' and 'Volcanoes: Formation of Surtsey (1:46)'.
- Left Sidebar:** A 'Choose a content source:' section lists various sources with their respective result counts: Encyclopædia Britannica (430), Concise Encyclopedia (72), Media (69), Videos (3), and Websites (41). Below this are links for 'Journals & Magazines' (From ProQuest, From EBSCO), 'Dictionary', 'Thesaurus', and 'Quotations'.
- Footer:** Includes a search bar with 'GO' and 'Advanced Search' buttons, and a copyright notice: '© 2006 Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.'

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Use the links at the top of any page to return to the *Britannica Online* Home Page, view the items in your *Workspace*, or get more *Help* with the site.

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Several different sources of information are retrieved, displayed in two columns.

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One of the most authoritative information sources in the world, with over 73,000 articles.

Media
Photos, illustrations, sound files, and interactive multimedia to enrich your understanding.

Video
A collection of more than 2,000 video clips from the Britannica archives.

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To view results from other content sources, click these links to change the Search Results list.

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Brief articles for finding quick answers.

Media
Images, sound files, and interactive multimedia to enrich your understanding.

Videos
A collection of more than 2,000 video clips.

Websites
Websites reviewed and rated by our editors to expand your study across the Internet.

Journals and Magazines
A selection of current magazine and journal articles from *ProQuest* and *EBSCO* offer another angle on topics of interest.

Dictionary and Thesaurus
Entries from the *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* and *Thesaurus*.

Quotations
A collection of 4,000 thought-provoking quotations.

Article Page

When you view an *Encyclopædia Britannica* article you will see a page that looks similar to the one below. *Encyclopædia Britannica* articles are cross-referenced, and contain images, maps, videos, and more. The features highlighted here will make exploring this content even easier.

The Article

The text of the article appears in the center of the page. Links within an article will direct you to other *Encyclopædia Britannica* articles in one simple click.

Buttons at the top of the article provide a quick way to Print, E-mail, or Cite any article.

Click on the images or video within the article for a larger view, or to play the video.

Related content accompanies many of the articles. Use the buttons at the top of the left column to find Maps and Flags, Images, Tables, Media, and the article's place in the Index.

Table of Contents

Longer articles are divided into separate sections. You can go directly to different sections of the article by clicking the headings of the article's Table of Contents, which appears on the left side of the page.

Click the plus sign (+) next to a heading to view its subheadings. You can also display the entire Table of Contents by clicking the Expand all link.

Citations

If you plan to refer to an article in a report or paper, we provide correctly formatted citations in MLA, APA, and Britannica formats.

The screenshot shows the article page for 'volcano' on Encyclopædia Britannica Online. The page layout includes a search bar at the top with 'volcano' entered, navigation links (HOME, WORKSPACE, GUIDED TOUR, HELP), and a 'Not sure of spelling' checkbox. On the left side, there is a 'Content Related to this Topic' section with links for 'Main Article', 'Maps and Flags', 'Images', 'Tables', 'Media', and 'Index Entry'. Below this is a 'Table of Contents' section with expandable headings like 'Introduction', 'Types of volcanic activity', and 'Volcanoes'. The main article text is in the center, starting with 'plural volcanoes, or volcanos, any vent in the crust of the Earth...'. It includes several images: a volcanic eruption, a close-up of a volcano, and a diagram of the volcanic rock cycle. On the right side, there is an 'Expand your Research' section with links to 'Journals And Magazines', 'The Web's Best Sites', and 'Additional Reading'. At the bottom, there is a 'To cite this page:' section with citations in MLA, APA, and Britannica styles. The footer contains 'Comments & Questions', 'Subscription Form', and copyright information for 2006 Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.

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To find more resources on a topic, click the links at the top of the article. You can find other content related to your topic in Journals and Magazines, and Websites, or find references to Additional Reading.

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You'll notice a small icon next to each encyclopedia article title. When you roll your mouse over the icon, a SAVE message will appear.

Click the icon to save a link to this item in your Workspace, where you can collect your research in a convenient location and then return later to review it.

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World Data Analyst

Quickly access printable country maps and profiles - including statistics such as area, population, demographics, gross national product, and more.

Create tables and graphs to compare countries using recent or historical statistics.

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View PDFs with up-to-date information for individual countries. [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) required.
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Create tables and charts comparing changes over time. Data spans up to 90 years.

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Truth

Alfred Adler, *Problems of Neurosis*

The truth is often a terrible weapon of aggression. It is possible to lie, and even for the truth.

Bible, *John 8:32*

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Josh Billings, *Affurisms from Josh Billings: His Sayings*

As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.

William Blake, "Auguries of Innocence"

A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.

Georges Braque, *Pensées sur l'art*

Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented.

Lord Byron, *Don Juan*

'T is strange,—but true; for Truth is always strange—

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