Fact vs. Fiction
Common misconceptions about searching online

× The web isn’t MAGIC.
Search engines like Google can find almost anything, but they can’t understand complex questions like:
  × How’s the weather in California?
  × Where can I get a cup of coffee?

✓ The web is SMARTER THAN YOU THINK.
Search for keywords instead of questions, and you’ll probably find exactly what you’re looking for.
  ✓ weather san francisco
  ✓ coffee

× You won’t ALWAYS FIND RELIABLE INFORMATION.
Just because it’s online doesn’t mean it’s true. There’s no guarantee that the results of your search will be accurate, unbiased, or even up-to-date.

✓ You will FIND A WIDE VARIETY OF CONTENT.
That’s the great thing about the internet: It gives you access to everything — the good, the bad, and everything in between.

  From collaborative resources like Wikipedia, to forums for personal expression... there’s no reason you can’t enjoy it all. You just have to be mindful of the difference between personal opinion, and resources that are reliable and reputable.

× You can’t COPY & PASTE SOMEONE ELSE’S WORK.
Even though you “just found it on the internet,” it still belongs to someone.

✓ You can CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE.
You just have to follow the rules.

  Always state your findings in your own words, give credit where credit is due, and be respectful of copyright and fair use laws.