Hi. It’s me, Sarah and I’m here to tell you about finding things on the Internet.

The Internet brings together information from all over the world, which is a lot of information.

Today we will follow along with Michelle as she uses a search engine to look up information on Chicago.
So what is a search engine?

Well, a search engine is a website that you can use to look up web pages, like a yellow pages for the Internet.

When you enter a keyword into the search engine, the search engine will look through the billions of web pages to help you find the ones that you are looking for.
There are many different types of search engines made by different companies, the most popular ones are Bing, Yahoo!, and Google.

Each of the search engines have their own individual ways of organizing information so the results can vary from one search engine to another.
What are some of the things that you can find with a search engine?

Well, almost anything.

Michelle uses Google to search for all kinds of information in her day-to-day life.

She can look up the weather, get the news, find a recipe, look up movie times, define words, and more.

Right now Michelle wants to find more information on Chicago, a city she is going to for vacation.
Michelle starts her search by going to Google’s website.

Another quick way to do a search is to type her keywords in her Internet browser’s address bar or search bar.

On the Google website, she sees a box right under the words Google. This is where she will type in what she wants to search.
Michelle is interested in visiting some of the well known landmarks on her trip, so she types in the keywords ‘Chicago landmarks’.

By default, Google will search for things that include both of those words.

As soon as Michelle starts typing, Google will display some suggestions of keywords or phrases that other people have used and results will start to show below.

If she wants to use one of the suggested searches, she can select one from the list.

Otherwise, she can just finish typing her search terms and hit the search button.
Google will display a list of results based on her keywords.

When she looks at her results, she sees websites with lists of Chicago landmarks, as well as images of Chicago landmarks, and a map of where the landmarks are located.

To see a result, click on the link.
Here is an example of one of the links:

To go back to the search results, Michelle would hit the back button in the internet browser.

The back button is the left arrow at the top left of the window. Click it to return to the search results.
In order to see more results, scroll down to the bottom.

At the bottom are “Searches related to…”, which displays similar searches you may also want to try.

To execute those searches, simply click on the search terms links.

There are additional pages of results, as well.

Clicking Next or the right arrow will take you to the next page of results.

You can also go to a specific page of results by clicking on the page number.
Now let’s go back up to the top of the results page.

At the top of page, right above the results, there are tabs to choose what kind of results you want to see.

Web is the most general, and will display all results from the internet.

The other choices are more specific and will narrow results to the category, such as images, maps, and more.

To the left is an example of the results after pressing the Images tab.
Let's do another search with Michelle for her trip to Chicago.

Michelle needs to decide where to stay on vacation, so she looks for information on hotels in Chicago.

Michelle’s search results also have ads included on the page.

Google will sometimes display ads related to the search result.

They are either on the right side or on the top or bottom of search results.
There is nothing wrong with using the links from the ads, but it is good to be aware of the difference between the links on the page that are part of your search results and those that pay to be on the page.