

# **ASE Websearch Challenge**

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## **Make a webpage**

Have you ever thought you would like to make a web page, but have been put off by the seemingly complex nature and the technical difficulties of uploading to some webspace? Don't worry. With this website you will not need any special software - all the tools you will need are on <http://www.edu2000.org/userpages/>. This will take you directly to the web page builder section, or you can navigate from the ASE home page by clicking on Teachers>Scipages.org. Here you will be able to construct a webpage and upload it to the ASE website. Before you start work on constructing your page you need to decide with your class/children what the page will be about. Your children will need to prepare the content for their pages. They could report on a project or investigation that they have done, some science knowledge that they are particularly interested in or even poems and stories about science, in fact anything that they think would make a good web page. There are some limitations to the work though. You can only use one picture (which you have to get from another website, see instructions below on how to do this). You can include three hyperlinks to other sites and an e-mail address. There is also the opportunity to choose various graphics to decorate their page.

## **Making the webpage**

Once the subject matter has been decided upon children can begin to create their text. This can be done online, or offline which makes editing and re-drafting easier. When working offline only a simple word processor, such as Notepad or Wordpad, needs to be used. Once the text has been completed, it can be copied and pasted into the section on the webpage builder. When the text has been prepared and entered, children can make choices about the various graphics and colours they would like on their page, and if they want to add the school's e-mail address. They will also need to choose a name for the page, which has to be one word, headlines and sublines. At this point the children create their page by clicking the Create page button. They will now be able to view their pages. They can use the Edit page button to make any changes.

The next phase is to add an image to the page. This will require a little bit of further work using the Internet.

## **How to add an image**

Firstly, the children will need to have some idea of the picture they need and have the page ready for editing. Open another browser window, where they search the Internet using a search engine such as Yahoo!igans. When they have found the picture they want, they need to right click on the image. From the menu that appears select 'Open link in new window'. This will open the picture in a window on its own. Next, look at the address in the address bar of the browser. Using the mouse, click and drag to select. Next click Edit> Copy then transfer back to the browser window with the webpage edit page in. Scroll down until you reach the section 'Enter the URL of the image you want linked'. In this box click to place the cursor. Next click Edit> Paste. This should paste the address of the image into the box. Make sure that you only have http:// listed once. If you have it more than once, click in the box and use the backspace to edit and remove one.

The same process of copying and pasting from the address bar of the browser can be used to collect links to favourite websites.

To finish, click the Create Page button. The finished website will now have the address/url <http://www.edu2000.org/userpages/pagename.html>, the pagename being the single word the children entered in the Name of Page box.