

What is Know UK?

KnowUK is a web service that provides key information about the people, institutions and organisations of the United Kingdom. It is unique in that it draws together the principal UK reference sources and makes them cross-searchable.

KnowUK contains:

- biographical information
- an advice database for UK citizens
- information on organisations and associations
- information on schools, colleges and universities
- information on courses, careers and qualifications;
- information on national and local government,
- information on a range of health matters.
- information on libraries museums, galleries and associations.
- information on a range of common legal problems
- overview of the religious make-up and inter-faith activity of the UK
- recommended hotels, B&Bs, restaurants and pubs
- a National Events Calendar

How can I access it?

- In Internet Explorer, type in the address below:

<http://www.knowuk.co.uk>

If you are on a non-College computer:

- Click on 'Remote users: login via your home organisation'
- Select 'United Kingdom (UK Federation)' as your region
- Select 'Hull College Group (Shibboleth)' as your organisation
- Type in your College network username and password

Quick Search

- Type the words you want to search for in the box at the top of the page.
- Click on the Search button

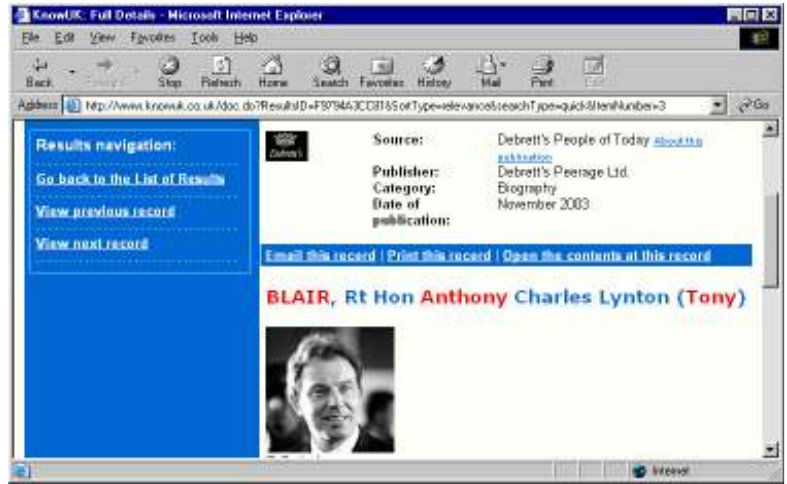
To View your results

- When you search for the information you want, you are given a list of results
- These are ranked by relevance, according to how closely they match your search terms. You can change this order to alphabetical or pick one of the categories of results from the left hand column
- To read the full text of one of the listed results, click on the title.



The screenshot shows a search results page for 'tony blair'. On the left, there is a blue sidebar with a 'See category results:' section. The categories listed are: Arts and Media (1 result), Biography (70 results), Education (3 results), Events (3 results), General Knowledge (73 results), Government and Armed Services (23 results), Health and Welfare (3 results), Law (1 result), and Organisations, Associations and Charities (4 results). The main content area shows the search results. At the top, it says 'You searched KnowUK for: tony blair'. Below that, it says 'Your search found 180 results. Your results are sorted in relevance order. Change the order to [alphabetical](#).' There is a blue bar that says 'Change records per page to 50'. The first two results are: 1. 'HUNT, Dr Anthony Blair (Tony) [Debrett's People of Today November 2003]' with categories: Biography and Summary: Details:HUNT, Dr Anthony Blair (Tony); born 21 March 1944 Education: Birkenhead Sch, Worcester Coll Oxford (MA, BLitt), U...; 2. 'Blair, Tony (1953-) [Hutchinson Encyclopedia of Britain - Biographies May 2003]' with categories: Biography and Summary: English leader of the Labour Party, Tony Blair. Blair was born in 1953 and educated at St John's College, Oxford, where ...

- The Full Details show you which publication this information is from. The words you searched on are in red.
- From this screen you can choose to e-mail the information to yourself, print it, or see the contents page of the publication.
- You can use the links in the left hand column to move to the previous or next record or back to the list of results.



Advanced Searching

- To reach the advanced search screen, click on **Advanced Search** on the Home page
- From here you can choose from 3 types of search:

All of these terms

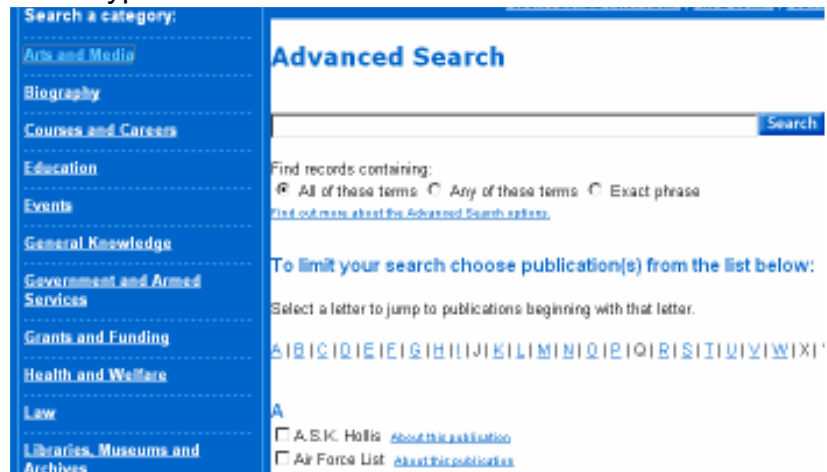
Uses AND to link the words
e.g. Shakespeare and poetry

Any of these terms

Uses OR to link the words
e.g. cookery, cooking will find articles with either term in.

Exact phrase

Searches for an exact phrase e.g. pop art



- The tick boxes below allow you to restrict your search to one or more certain publications
- You can use the category list at the left hand side to choose to search just one category.

- Click on the **Search** button and a list of results will appear, as it did before.

Searching tips

- All searches will find plurals and different forms of words e.g. browse, browsing
Only the Quick Search option will offer you alternative spellings if you misspell a word.
- The **Local Information** option on the Home page will help you find maps & images, information on local services and links to websites of local organisations.
- The **Browse all Publications** option on the Home page lets you browse through each publication as you would through the printed version.
- The **Life events** option on the Home page links to information on major life events such as birth, death, marriage etc.

<http://library.hull-college.ac.uk>

This document is available in an alternative format upon request.