**Where to find CC licensed material**

The main search tool for CC licensed materials is “CC Search” which allows easy and quick access to content that can be shared, used and remixed.

  [CC Search](https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/) allows customised usage of Google and other well-known search engines by refining results down to resources that are licensed under creative commons, allowing searches across a range of formats and uses.

**Some of the most popular websites in the world can be also used to find CC licensed materials:**

  [Google](https://www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en), the most visited global search engine, allows searches for openly licensed resources by going to the advanced search page and setting “usage rights” parameters to “Free to use, share, or modify”.

  [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/) allows for access to CC licensed videos which can be found by typing in your search term followed by a comma and then “creative commons”. A second method allows for a filtering of results by first typing in your search term and pressing Enter, then filtering the results by selecting “Creative Commons” under the ‘Features’ header.

  [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page) offers millions of pages of information licensed under [CC BY SA](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/au/).

In addition to these websites there are other websites which can be used to find CC licensed images, music and videos and these are listed below:

**Where to Find CC Licensed Images**

When creating education resources it is often important to include visual aids such as images. There is an abundance of CC licensed images which are available to teachers to share, use and remix for free. The following are good websites for finding CC licensed images:

  [CC Search](https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/) allows customised usage of Google and other well-known search engines by refining results down to resources that are licensed under creative commons, allowing searches across a range of formats and uses.

   [Compfight](http://compfight.com/) uses the Flickr search tool that can filter for CC licensed photos.

   [Creativity103](http://creativity103.com/) is a library of free abstract backgrounds, textures and design ideas.

   [CSIRO’s Science Image](http://www.scienceimage.csiro.au/) site contains over 4000 science and nature images that are free to download under the Creative commons license.

   [Encyclopedia of Life](http://eol.org/) offers over 2.9 million images depicting life on Earth.

  [flickr](https://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/) has over 300 million CC licensed images searchable by licence type.

   [Google Images](http://www.google.com/advanced_image_search) allows searches for openly licensed images through its advanced search function by setting the “usage rights” parameters to be “Free to use, share, or modify”.

[LibreStock](https://librestock.com/) is a search tool that explores a range of openly licensed image libraries.

   [Open Clip Art Library](https://openclipart.org/) offers over 67,000 public domain images also allowing for requests.

  [Pexels](https://www.pexels.com/)  offers photos licensed under the [Creative Commons Zero (CC0)](https://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/zero/1.0/) license.  This means the pictures are completely free to be used for any legal purpose.  You may modify, copy and distribute the photos without seeking permission or setting a link to the source.  Attribution is not required.

  [Solvonauts](http://solvonauts.org/?action=index) offers over 65,000 CC licensed resources in picture, video and audio formats.

  [The Stocks](http://thestocks.im/) offer high quality free photos.  Additionally, all Creative Commons and Public Domain photos from sources like Flickr are made available and it is possible to embed them directly from their website.

   [StockSnap](https://stocksnap.io/) – a popular website with 40,000+ free stock photos released under Creative Commons [CC0](https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/public-domain/cc0/).

  [Stock Up](https://www.sitebuilderreport.com/stock-up)  offers 13,762 free photos across 27 websites.  Each photo will show the license when you hover over it.  All photos are either [Creative Commons Zero](https://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/zero/1.0/) or public domain.

   [The Wellcome Institute](http://wellcomeimages.org/) holds a range of unique visual and historical collections such as biomedical science and ancient manuscripts. It has released 100,000 high-resolution medical images available under a[CC-BY licence](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) and all low-resolution images on the site are openly licensed.

   [Wikipedia Commons](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page) is a database of almost 25 million media files searchable by genre and licence type.

**Where to Find CC Licensed Music**

Educational resources are also increasingly becoming more sensory with the use of music, sounds and videos. There are multiple sources of CC licensed audio-visual materials. The following sites are good sources of music and sounds:

   [SoundCloud](https://soundcloud.com/search/sounds/?filter.license=to_share) is a social sound platform with many tracks licensed under CC and searchable as such.

  [jamendo](https://www.jamendo.com/en) is an active community offering more than 350,000 free music tracks that are CC licensed and all available for streaming and unlimited download without ads.

   [Internet Archive](https://archive.org/details/audio) has a collection of CC licensed recordings such as news programmes, concerts, book and poetry readings and music, many of which are free to download.

   [ccMixter](http://ccmixter.org/) is a community music website featuring CC licensed remixes and samples which are free to download.

   [Free Music Archive](http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/Creative_Commons/) offers high-quality and downloadable CC licensed music searchable via genre.

   [Freesound](http://www.freesound.org/) is a collaborative database of downloadable audio snippets, samples, recordings, bleeps released under CC licenses which are searchable by keywords and custom browsing.

   [Opsound](http://opsound.org/index.php) is an online community which shares music under CC licenses searchable by tags, genres and artists.

   [Audionautix](http://audionautix.com/) offers CC licensed music searchable by genres, mood and tempo.

  [CC Music Communities](http://creativecommons.org/music-communities) lists music web communities which use CC licences, many of which are listed below:

* Bandcamp
* Indaba
* Tribe of noise
* Airborne
* Restorm

**Where to Find CC Licensed Videos**

The following are good sources of videos:

  [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/) has CC licensed videos which can be found by typing in your search term followed by a comma and then “creativecommons” which returns CC licensed videos.

  [Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/creativecommons) has a dedicated page which allows you to search CC licensed videos within its elements such as Attribution and Share Alike.

   [Internet Archive](https://archive.org/details/movies) has a collection of old videos, movies and texts which are openly licensed.

   [TED](http://www.ted.com/) is a popular site which openly licences its videos in the form of short, powerful talks covering a magnitude of ideas in more than 100 languages.

   [Al Jazeera](http://www.aljazeera.com/) has a repository of openly licensed broadcast footage covering global news.

   [Academic Earth](http://academicearth.org/) has a repository of over 1500 video lectures from the word’s top universities searchable by subject, university and degree level.

**Where to find other CC licensed material**

As the availability of open resources increases, it leads also to an increase in the availability of formats which are openly licensed. Audiobooks is one increasingly popular example; the following website is a good source of open audiobooks:

   [LibriVox](https://librivox.org/) offers public domain audiobooks searchable by author, title, subject or language.