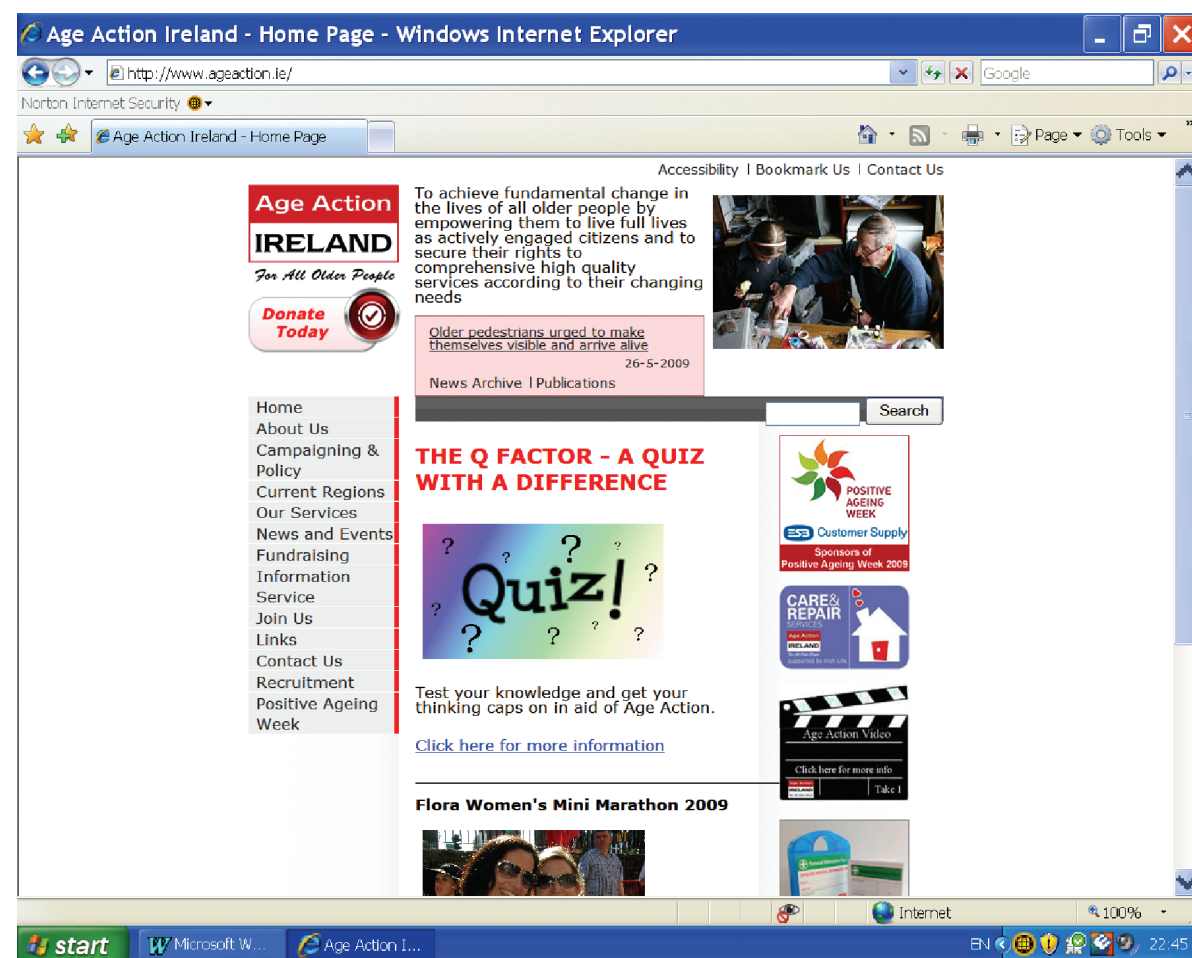


7.4 WEBPAGE FEATURES

Type www.ageaction.ie into the Address Bar (box) and press the Enter Key on the keyboard.

Lets see if you can find your way around this website. The page may look slightly different than the one below



7.5 MOVING AROUND A WEBSITE

A website is made up of many pages of information. As you move the mouse around a website the pointer sometimes changes into an arrow or a hand. When this happens you are pointing to a **LINK**.

Clicking on a link takes you to another section of the website.

EXERCISE:

- Get into the internet
- Type in Age Action's internet address www.ageaction.ie
- Find and click on the link to 'our services'
(Tip – look at the left hand side of the page for list of options)
- Find the Care and Repair section
(Tip – Look for a HOME button or a Back Arrow)
- Go back to the Age Action homepage
- Find the Contact us link
- Can you find the contact details for Getting Started ?

7.6 LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

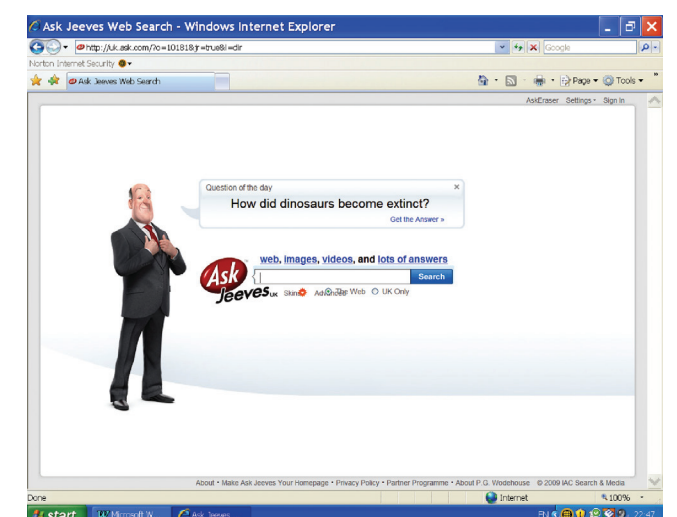
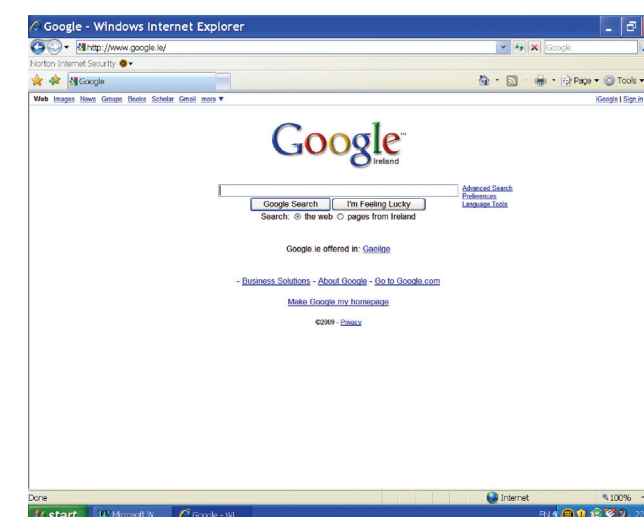
The internet is really useful if you are looking for any kind of information.

Because the internet collects so much information from millions of different sources, search engines help us narrow our search, to help find what we are looking for.

Some of the easiest to use search engines are:

Google: www.google.ie

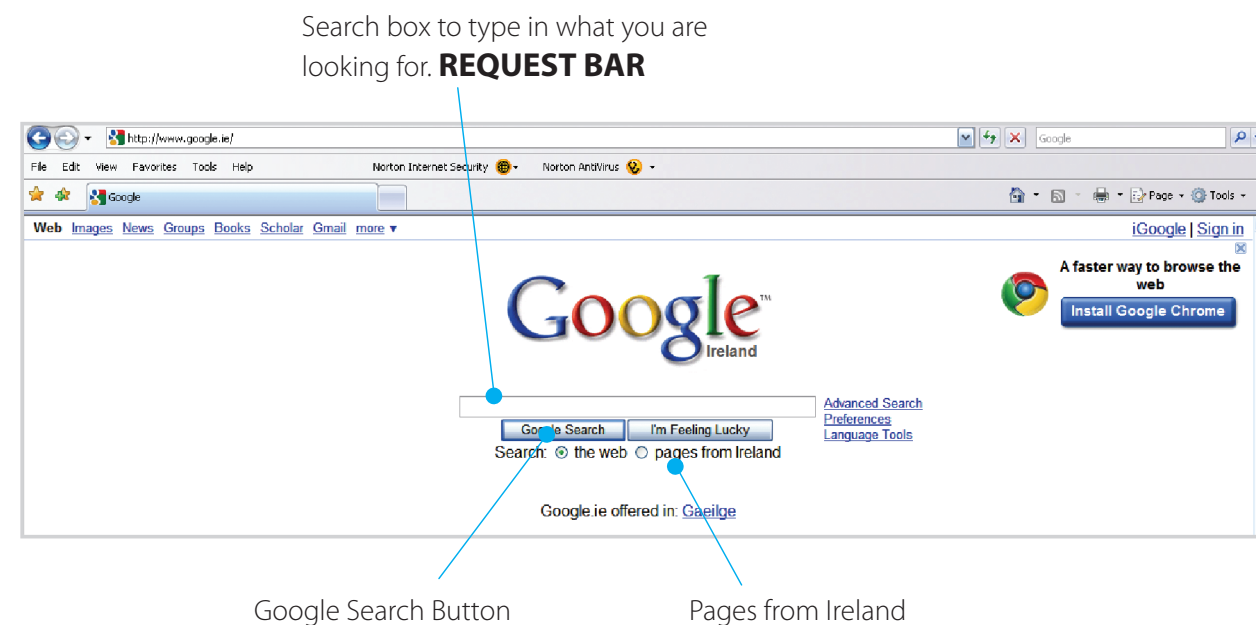
Ask Jeeves: www.askjeeves.com



Often people make a search engine their Homepage. This means that when they click on the internet icon it automatically opens a search engine.

Some computers have Google Search Engine set as the home page so that when you double click on Internet Explorer this is the window that opens.

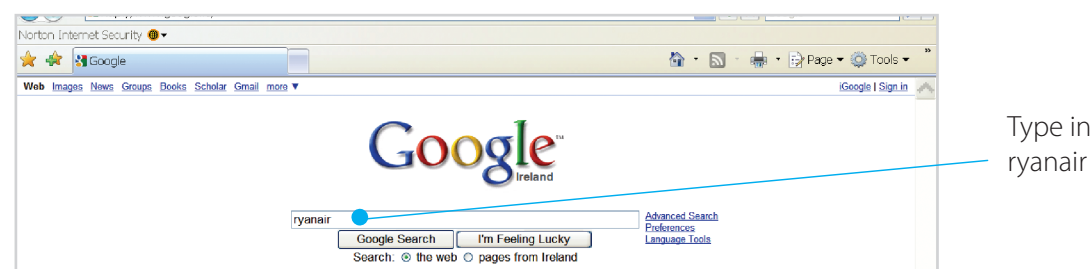
Usually people search the web by typing in what they are looking for in the box provided and either click on Google Search button or press the Enter Key on the keyboard. This box is called a Request Bar or Search box.



7.7 HOW DO I LOOK FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC?

For example, you would like to travel and you have heard that Ryanair offers good deals.

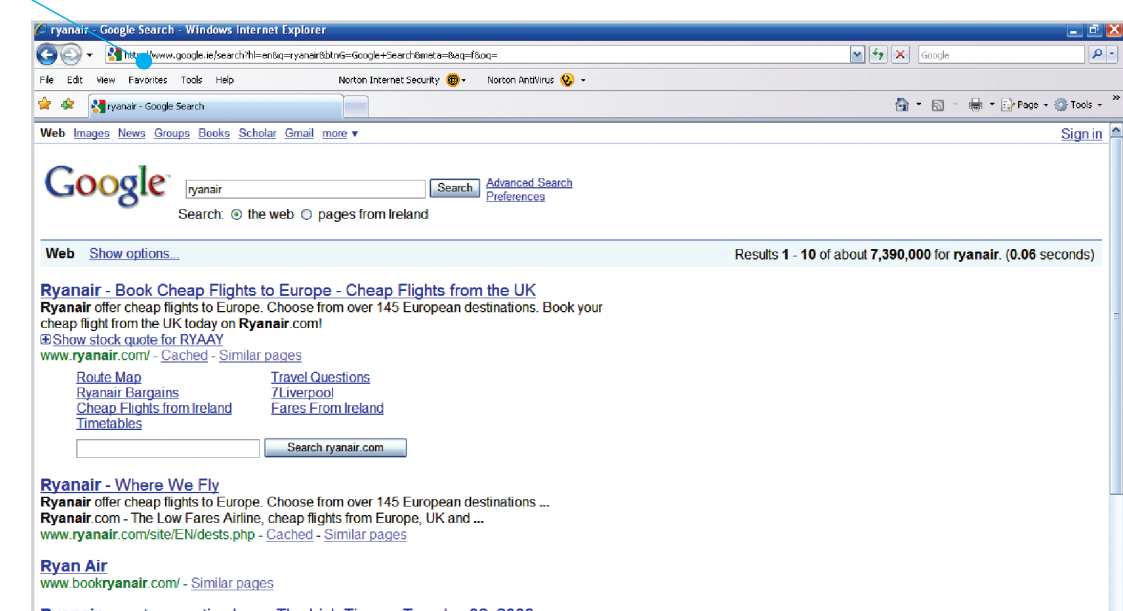
Type Ryanair into the request box and click the Google Search Button below the box. You can also type ryanair into the box and press the ENTER key on the keyboard.



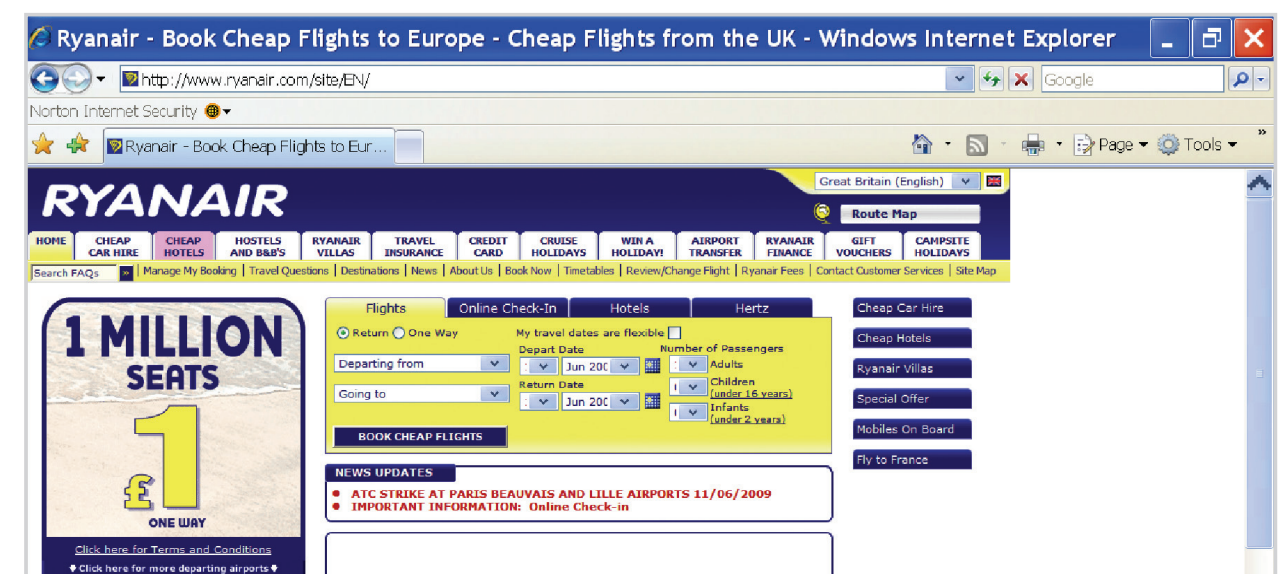
The page will change to show a list of options about Ryanair. The first will probably be the official Ryanair website.

As you move the mouse over the text you will notice the **White Arrow Pointer** changes to a **Hand** if you are over the link. Usually this link will be blue and have a line underneath it.

Hyperlink



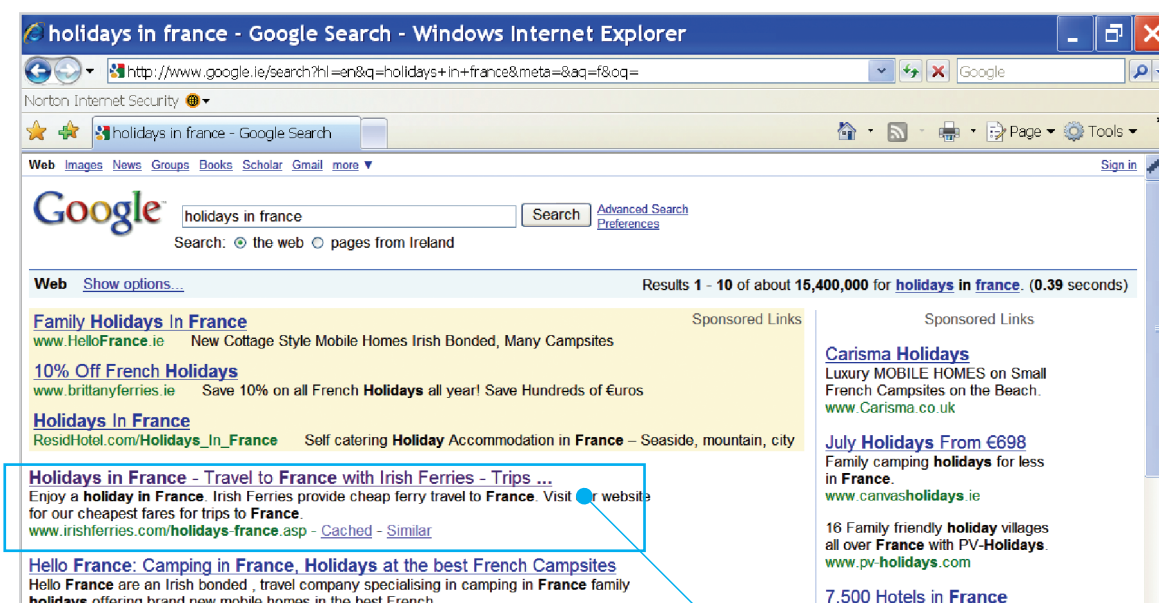
When you click the **'hyperlink'** the Ryanair website opens on your computer.



7.8 LOOKING FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

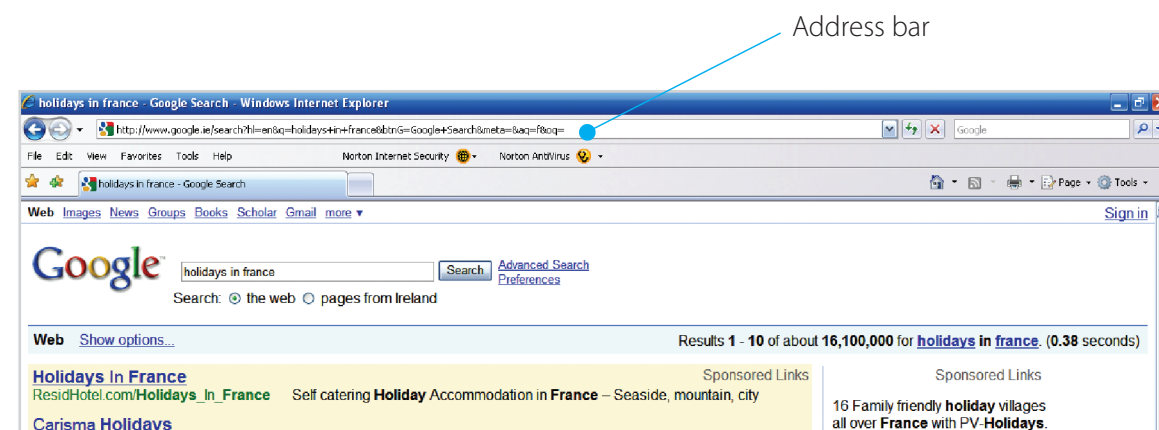
Say you are thinking of going to France this year for your holidays, how would you start looking for information?

If you type in **'Holidays in France'** in the **request box** you would get a lot of different web pages. How do you know which one gives the best information? There is a short description under each item (or link) on the list. Read the first line to see if it might be useful.



Short text about the web page

If you think the information might be useful, you can click the hyperlink (the blue text, underlined).



7.9 LOOKING AT WEBSITES

If your internet search is successful, or you click a hyperlink, a website or web page downloads (appears on the computer screen).

There is a **Red X** visible as the page downloads. That is to facilitate you to stop the download if it is taking too long to come through.

You will also notice on the bottom right hand corner a little box with **Green Bars** in it as the page downloads. This will show you how fast or slow the page is downloading.



Red X

Now that the page had fully downloaded that Red X is now Grey and the bar at the bottom has disappeared and replaced by the word 'Done' on the bottom left .



7.10 INTERNET SURVIVAL SKILLS

If you are familiar with the following, you should be able to practice using the internet:

- Internet search
- Internet symbol – Explorer and Firefox
- Search engine – Google
- Address box
- Moving around a website
- Scroll bar
- Back button
- Close button

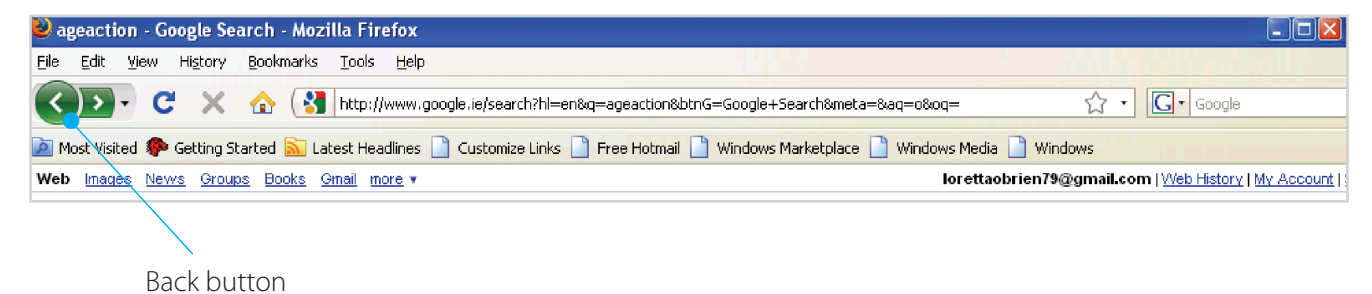
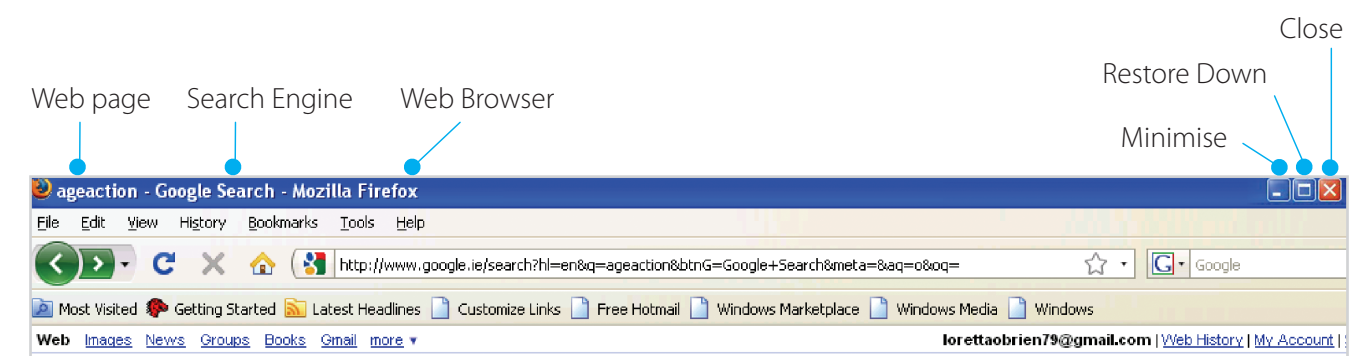
7.11 WHAT IS A TOOLBAR?

A toolbar appears at the top of a website, providing information and shortcuts.

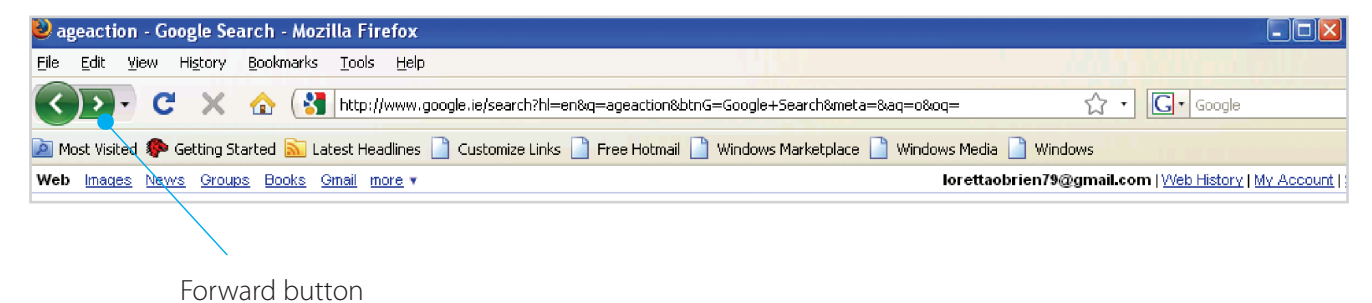
If you move the mouse over the toolbar a small box will appear and tell you what the function of each button is.

Here is a webpage found through Google Search Engine on the Web Browser of Mozilla Firefox.

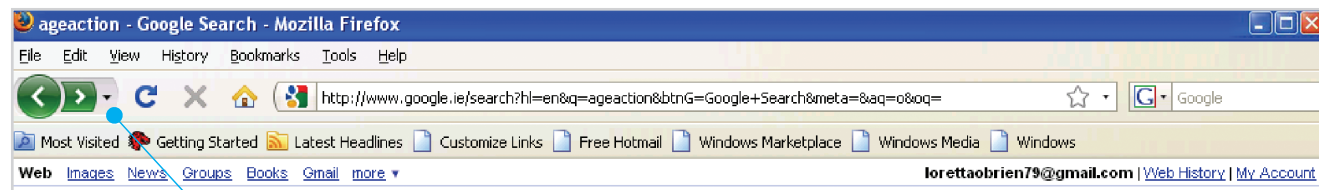
The three little boxes at the right corner are for minimising the page (it stays open but is not visible), reducing the size of the webpage (restore down) and the Red X is to Close the page completely.



The **Forward Button** will only go forward to a page you have already visited. It will not open new pages.

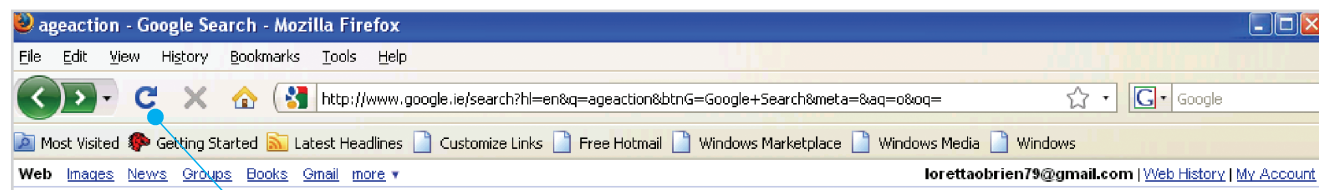


The **Drop Down menu** shows you the list of Recent Pages that you have viewed.



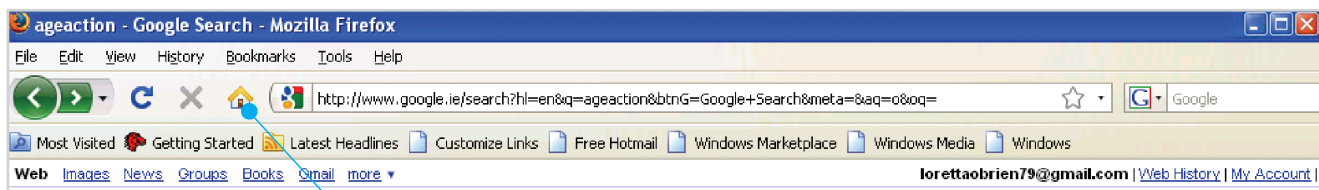
Drop Down button

The **Blue Circular Arrow** reloads or refreshes your current page.



Reload/Refresh

The **House shaped icon** allows you to return directly to the Home Page .



Home Page Button

When you know the full correct address of a web page you can type it into this box and you will go directly to the page. This box is called the Address Bar.

