

Video Tutorial 3: Finding and Collecting Resources: Search and Browse

[SCREENSHOT: Talking Head]

"Hi, and welcome to Curriki, the Global Education Learning Community. This video focuses on Curriki's Search and Browse features. Let's get started..."

[SCREENSHOT: Home page overview focusing on search/browse area]

"At the heart of Curriki is a repository of educational content that you, our community, are adding to every day. You can browse the repository by subject, or you can search to find exactly what you're looking for."

"In the top right corner of each Curriki page you'll see an orange box on a light blue background. These are your Search and Browse tools. We'll start with a basic Search."

[SCREENSHOT: "Adjective" being typed into search box -> Search results page -> Elements highlighted to follow script]

"Searching Curriki is easy: type a keyword into the search box and click Go. Let's say I want to find material on adjectives. I enter my search term ("adjective") and receive a list of search results."

"These results were generated because my search term – Adjective – matched the descriptive information attached to these learning resources. "Adjective" might be found in the title, the description, or in the key words assigned by the contributor. When the keyword is a phrase – like "Order of Operations" -- put the words in quotation marks to limit your search to exact matches."

"Some results in a basic search will be single contributions, like a video or lesson plan; You'll also find resources that are a part of a collection, which means that the specific resource that matches your search is included within a full course. You may also find full courses within the results. The column "Instructional Type" will help you better determine what kind of material you've found. Mouse over the symbols to get the instructional component type, or over any of the titles to see a brief description. Click on the icon to see definitions of all the instructional component types."

"Clicking on a title will take you to that learning resource, and clicking on the contributor's name will show that user's Curriki profile, where you can see other content created by that author. Sort the search results by clicking the header at the top of any of the four columns."

"The fourth column, Review, indicates the review status assigned by the Curriki Review

System team. But not every asset is reviewed automatically – we rely on our community to help direct which content to review. When you find a piece of content that you like, or don't like—you can nominate it. After a resource has been nominated, a subject-area expert reviews the resource for accuracy, pedagogy, and technical completeness, and rates it on a scale of 1-3. 3 is the highest rating. A “P” indicates that the content was contributed by one of Curriki's Partner organizations and has been classroom tested or has a strong research base behind it. These resources have not been reviewed by Curriki reviewers."

[SCREENSHOT: New search with "Algebra" leading to advanced search window, as per voiceover]

"This search for “adjective” produced a manageable list of resources - sixteen in all. If I use a broader search term, like Algebra, I see 162 matches. That's a lot! I'll apply additional search criteria using Advanced Search."

"With advanced search, I can narrow down the search by specifying subject area, educational level, instructional type, or file type. Choose a special filter to retrieve only full collections or reviewed resources. Let's re-do the search, making it specific to algebra problem sets at the middle school level. 42 matches - much better."

[SCREENSHOT: Clicking Advanced Search link in search results window]

"Run an advanced search by clicking the link just below the search box, or try a basic search first and then use the advanced search tools if you need to narrow the results."

[SCREENSHOT: Clicking Browse Subjects link]

"Now let's look at the Browse feature. Access “Browse” from the link just below the search box, or from the link in the left navigational menu. Both will take you to the subject index page. The numbers in parentheses show how many resources are available in that subject. Once you've selected a subject, browse the results page-by-page, or use the Advanced Search tool to look for specific material within the subject."

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"After you've found great learning resources, you'll want to save them for later use. Use the Favorites tool on My_Curriki to bookmark materials you intend to return to. If you're not familiar with My Curriki, you might want to watch the My Curriki video tutorial to learn more about the features. Remember that only registered members have access to My Curriki, and you must be logged in to use these features."

[SCREENSHOT: Again showing list of my search results -> Clicking the link for Multiplying real signed numbers and fractions -> Viewing that resource]

"Let's return to my list of Algebra resources. Say I like this problem set on Multiplying

real signed numbers and fractions and I want to come back to it later. I click the Add to My Curriki link to save it. If I've created any collections on Curriki, I'll be prompted to choose one. If not, it will be saved to my Favorites by default."

[SCREENSHOT: Clicking the MyCurriki -> My Favorites link]

"Find your saved resources again in your Favorites or in the collection you placed it in by visiting MyCurriki."

[SCREENSHOT: Talking Head]

"Now you know how to find and collect learning resources. In our next video tutorial, we'll talk about how to organize the resources you've gathered in ways that make them easier for you and others to use. In other tutorials, we show you how you can share your collections with others in the Curriki community, and add material that you've created into the repository. Until then, have fun browsing and searching through all the great content contributed by you, our global Curriki community. Thanks for watching and remember, you can always access detailed information about using Curriki by visiting the Curriki Help Collection, or "Contact Us" with questions."