

Using a Search Engine

The second way of finding web pages in the browser window is to use a **Search Engine**. This is the method you use if you don't know the exact web address.

- Double click on **Internet Explorer** icon on desktop
- Highlight the address in the address bar by clicking on it with the mouse pointer.
- Enter the following into the address bar: www.google.co.uk
- Click on the **Go** button at the end of the Address bar, or press the **enter/return** key
- In the Google window:



The screenshot shows the Google UK homepage. At the top is the 'Google UK' logo. Below it are navigation links: 'Web', 'Images', 'Groups', 'News', 'Froogle' (with a 'New!' tag), and 'more »'. A search bar is located below these links, with a red oval highlighting it. Below the search bar are two buttons: 'Google Search' and 'I'm Feeling Lucky'. Underneath the buttons are radio buttons for search scope: 'the web' (selected) and 'pages from the UK'. On the right side, there are links for 'Advanced Search', 'Preferences', and 'Language Tools'. Three numbered instructions in red dashed boxes are overlaid on the image:

- 1.** Enter your search criteria here
- 2.** Choose pages from the whole of the World Wide Web, or the UK as you want
- 3.** Click on the Google Search button or press the Enter / Return key

Tips on Searching

- Google finds web sites by searching large databases on the Internet using the **keywords** you type in.
- Try and be as specific as you can. If you use the word holiday as a keyword, you will get literally millions of results. So try entering the names of places where you want to go on holiday, or the names of resorts/hotels.
- Put phrases between speech marks e.g. ' ' or " "
- Put a + sign in front of words that must be included, and a - (minus) in front of words that you don't want included e.g. vineyards+France-Italy would find you vineyards in France, but exclude those in Italy.