

Firefox as a literacy tool: Finding vocabulary words on a web page



Scenario: You use a Boolean search to find out about cell mitosis. You find the site but you are unsure just WHERE on the site the information is located. To easily find KEYWORDS (vocabulary), use the FIND tool. Safari also has a built-in dictionary tool that utilizes the Dictionary program already on your computer. Harness the power of Safari as part of vocabulary development skills!

Searching for a word on a web site:

Finding a vocabulary word on a site: With the web page open in Firefox, do the following:

- Open the web page
- Menu bar -> EDIT → FIND IN THIS PAGE (apple F)
- Look at the BOTTOM of the Firefox web page window, along the bottom bar of the window !!!
- Type the word in the “Finder” spot
- Click NEXT

NOTE: the FIND window is in the BOTTOM LEFT side of the Firefox window!



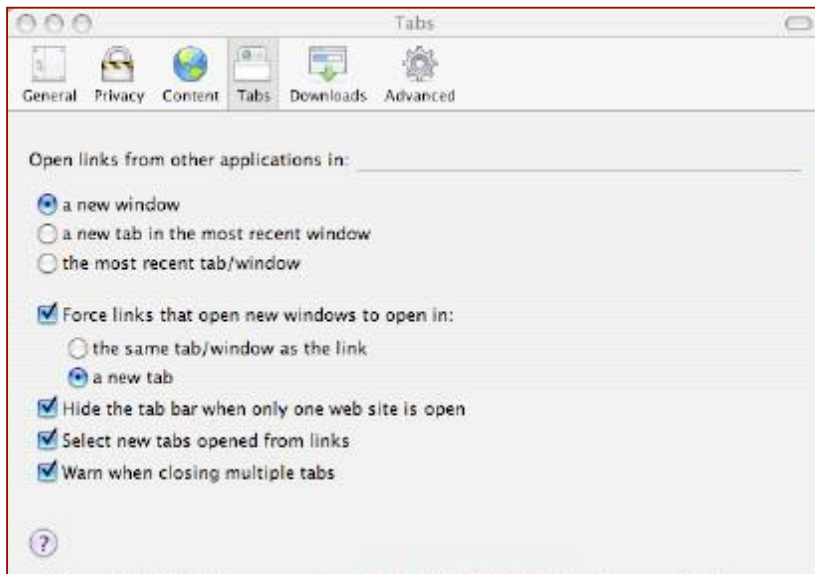
TABS IN FIREFOX

In Firefox you can easily view and move between pages by setting your preferences to work with TABS. Similar to tabs in a book allowing the user to quickly flip through pages, tabs in a web browser allows similar movement on different web pages and/or sites.

Change Firefox Preferences to Allow Tabs:

To do this first open the Firefox application. From the menu bar select FIREFOX → Preferences and in the prefs window, select the TABS tab.

This will show a similar window. Select the same options as shown below.



When done, click the CLOSE button (red button in upper left side of window)

To open a site in a NEW TAB:

Click on the LINK at the same time as pressing the APPLE key on the keyboard. This will open the site in a new tab.

OPENING A GROUP OF SITES IN TABS:

This is easy to do once you have prepared your Bookmarks. Place your key bookmark folders in the menu bar (can be in the normal bookmark location as well). Click on the folder– the LAST option is to open in tabs. Be careful, though. If you open 5 or more windows at a time, it can bog down your computer.

Open links from other applications in Firefox:

When other applications on your computer display a web page, Firefox opens the page in the most recently displayed tab or window.

You can make Firefox open the page elsewhere by changing this option preference.

Force links that open new windows to open in:

Firefox opens new windows from links when web pages request them. If you prefer to use tabs as you browse, this behavior may be counterproductive. You can force Firefox to open links that would normally be opened in new windows to be opened elsewhere. To do so, select the checkbox for this option/ preference and choose the behavior you desire.

Note: If you have chosen to open links in new tabs,

Firefox will ignore this option/preference and will open a new window from a link if the page author specified that the new window should have a specific size, because some pages can only be displayed correctly at a specific size.

Hide the tab bar when only one web site is open

If you're only viewing one web page in a Firefox window, the tab bar is not shown. Uncheck this option/preference to always show the tab bar.