

Shopping Online: Lesson 2

The Internet can be used to find websites for:

- ✓ Shopping Online from the comfort of your own home or Learning Centre
- ✓ Getting support and advice from others
- ✓ Finding help on a specific subject; such as medical advice or education.

Online Shopping

Many of the shops in your local shopping mall or town will have websites where you can also buy things. The following are some useful shopping websites for you and your preschool child or children:

www.babyfactory.co.nz

www.weethings.co.nz

www.huggiesnz.co.nz

www.babywebnz.org.nz

www.babyonline.co.nz

www.pumpkinpatch.co.nz

www.toysnz.co.nz

www.iqtoys.co.nz

Have a look at some of these shopping websites and try and find something that your preschool child would like, for example a new toy or item of clothing.



Shopping websites usually **categorise** their products into different areas to make it easier for you to find things, e.g. Health and Safety, Playtime, Out and About.



You can also use the **Search** function on a website. This will help you locate what you are looking for on that particular website.

Online Auctions – Trade Me

The website www.trademe.co.nz allows you to **bid** for things you want to buy. Anyone can use Trade Me to buy and sell things; it is like a real auction house or market. Items for sale on Trade Me are usually second-hand.

Trade Me can be used to both **buy** and **sell** items. You can click on these **Tabs** to go to the pages specific to buying, selling, Your Trade Me Account and the Community page.

The screenshot shows the Trade Me website in a web browser window. The browser's address bar displays 'http://www.trademe.co.nz/'. The website's navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Browse', 'Sell', 'My Trade Me', and 'Community' tabs, which are highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, there is a search box with a 'GO' button and radio buttons for 'NZ' and 'Auckland'. A 'Login' section is also visible. A central banner states 'Trade Me is NZ's No.1 place to buy and sell online. Currently 37,226 people online and 728,057 items for sale.' Below this banner is a grid of category links, including 'Antiques & collectables', 'Computers', 'Jewellery & watches', 'Art', 'Crafts', 'Jobs', 'Baby gear', 'DVDs & movies', 'Mobile phones', 'Books', 'Electronics & photography', 'Music & instruments', 'Business, farming & industry', 'Flatmates wanted', 'Personals', 'Cars, boats & motorbikes', 'Gaming', 'Pottery & glass', 'Home & living', 'Health & beauty', 'Real estate', 'Clothing', and 'Toys & models'. A red box highlights this grid. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Trade Me Motors' (39,000+ Cars), 'Trade Me Property' (25,000+ Properties), and 'Trade Me Jobs' (4,700+ Jobs). A 'What's Cool!' section features a 'Daffodil Day Charity Auction' for a 'Limited edition teddy bear'. A callout box points to the search box, and another points to the category grid.

You can **search** Trade Me for something specific by typing Key Words into the Search Box. You can also click in the **Radio Buttons** to select whether you want to view items for sale only in Auckland.

Items for sale on Trade Me are sold under different **Categories**.



Try visiting Trade Me and becoming familiar with the layout of the website and the way it differs from other shopping websites.

Viewing an Auction in Trade Me

- When you search for an item on Trade Me your search results will list all items that contain the words you used during your search.
- You are then able to browse through this list and find items which you think are suitable. When you find something of interest you can click on the items hyperlink and view even more information about the auction.
- Auction Information will usually include the current bid, whether the reserve price has been met, the location of the item, the condition of the item, costs for postage and packaging and any questions that other people have asked about the item.

All items relevant to your search will be listed on the screen

Price	Bids	Closes
\$27	24	Thu, 12 Oct
\$30	-	Sat, 14 Oct
\$25	-	Sat, 14 Oct

Information at the side of the screen will tell you when the auction closes, what the current bid is and how many bids have been made.

Flags indicate whether the reserve price has been

- If you want to place a bid on an item you will need to register yourself with Trade Me. You will not be able to buy or sell anything on this site until you register with Trade Me.