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Links to online image resources

[Ancestry Images](#) – a collection of historical prints for non-commercial use, providing attribution has been given to the rights holder.

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[The British Library \(copyright free images\)](#) – this is the official Flickr account for the British Library, which contains over one million copyright free images.

[British Cartoon Archive](#) – in some cases images can be downloaded (when the licence permits it) from the vast and historical archive. Some images are still in copyright, so check the details before using.

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[Creative Commons Search Portal](#) – a database that searches for CC content across a vast number of websites.

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[Gratisography](#) – this website has a wide range of creative and unique images, which can be used in both personal and commercial projects. Please remember to read the licence agreement before using images.

[Hardin. MD](#) – Public domain medical gallery, mostly of diseases and other medical ailments. As always, please provide attribution; the Images have various sources.

[John Johnson Info](#) – this search engine is aimed at students. Image results are taken from Flickr and it provides an attribution link or stamp on the image.

[Libre stock](#) – a extensive collection, comprising of Creative Commons 0 (CC0) Public Domain licensed images to use.

[Microsoft Office](#) – there is a mixture of images and clip art in this site. As always, check the terms and conditions before using material from this site.

[Morgue File](#) – largely high-quality images. When searched for specifically, there is a range of CC images. Please note you have to click on each individual image to see what licence is associated with it.

[NASA Image and Video gallery](#) – you can search through NASA's extensive image and video gallery, as always, please remember to read the terms and conditions before using resources from this collection.

[Open clip Art](#) – a website that contains images and graphics that are of a cartoon nature.

[Pexels](#) – a website for free stock photos, Images, and videos. Follow the licence terms.

[Pics4Learning](#) – this site has images, all of which are donated by students, academics, and amateur photographers. Providing it is in an educational setting, both teachers and students are free to use the images within print, multimedia, and video productions.

[Photoree](#) – this is a useful search engine that lets you refine searches by using licence filters and then search image hosting websites using the criteria you have specified.

[Pixabay](#) – has a wide range of high-quality images and graphics that fall under their own content licence, a very copyright friendly site.

[Smithsonian](#) – this open access collection, comprising of over 4.5 million digital items and nearly two centuries worth of data, can be downloaded, transformed, and shared.

[StockSnap](#) – this collection, comprises of high resolution images, which are updated weekly and all have a Creative commons 0 (CC0) Public Domain licence associated with them.

[TinEye](#) – this is a reverse image search engine. Ideal if you are trying to track down the online source of an image.

[UC San Diego School of Medicine \(UCSD\) MedPics](#) – a visual educational resource dedicated to providing pictures that are representative of common and uncommon physical exam findings. If the scope of use is outside of your own personal educational reasons, then it would be advised to contact the author of the site seeking written permission for use of materials.

[Unsplash](#) – expansive collections of free to use images for non-commercial and commercial purposes. There is a wide variety of subjects ranging from portraits, political, technology, to animals etc. Although attribution is not required, it is still encouraged to provide credit for the creator of an image.

[VADs](#) – online resource for visual arts. Please read the terms and conditions when using materials from this website.

[Van Gogh Museum's French Printmaking](#) – Amsterdam's Van Gogh museum has made available a most impressive collection of French prints from 1890 – 1905, which can be downloaded for non-commercial use.

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[Wellcome Library](#) – enables you to search their database(s) of images. Content on the website (unless otherwise stated) is licensed under Creative Commons 4.0 International licence.

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[AudionautiX](#) – a collection of music, created by a single composer/sound engineer. All work is licensed under Creative Commons 4.0 licence, so be sure to provide attribution when using materials from this website.

[Free Music Archive](#) – the free music archive contains a wide range of music from various genres, created by artists and uploaded by them. Use the 'search FMA' option.

[Free Sound Effects from the BBC](#) – choose a free sound effect from over 33,000 items. They can be used for personal, educational or research purposes.

[Free Sound](#) – an extensive library of sound effects released under various Creative Commons licences.

[Dig CC Mixer](#) – original music created by artists is uploaded to the extensive and growing music library. Please observe the licences associated with work from this website.

[InCompetech](#) – a wide selection of background music and music tracks. Ensure you search for Creative Commons licensed content; the standard licence has a fee.

[Musopen](#) – a variety of classical music tracks licensed under various Creative Commons licences. You must have an account to download the tracks and access information.

[Sound Image](#) – music and sounds effects created by a single artist.

Links to online video resources

[Dareful](#) – a vast royalty free video collection, comprising of stock footage. To download and make use of the videos, all you need to do, is set up a free account. Follow the terms and conditions of use.

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