

Unit 8: Public information systems

In this unit pupils collate data from a variety of sources to develop a daily information service about weather. They will use a range of sources, eg a school weather station, measurements, satellite (remote sensing), the internet, other files.

A key aim of the unit is to develop a system that will meet the potential audience's needs. Pupils investigate these needs and then model the system using presentation software, teletext and multimedia presentations.

Name of site:	Weather Underground: UK	URL (site address):	wysiwyg://149/http://ido.wunderground.com/global/UK.html
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Subject/Curriculum Area And relevance:	KS3 Unit 8 Finding Things Out	Age Range:	11 - 14
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We looked at various sites using many search engines which included google, ask jeeves and alltheweb typing in key words to do with 'weather stations', 'satellite' etc. Most of the sites we found were based in America and we were looking for UK based sites. Compared with most of the commercial sites we found, this site was good in terms of information regarding temperature, humidity and pressure for all the cities in UK.. It was a difficult site to navigate as many languages were used and the overall structure was 'messy' as there was too much going on in the front page. We found that this could be confusing for some of the children who may use this site.

Interactive features: LOW

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