



Twitter Basics:

join the conversation

Overview:

- The purpose of Twitter is two-fold:
 - to share information instantly
 - to have instant access to current events
- Sign up for a free account at [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com).

Signing In and Out:

- Sign in at [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com).
- To sign out, click on the egg in the top right and click on Sign Out.

Settings:

- Access the Settings pages by clicking on the egg in the top right and then clicking on Settings.
- On the account tab, select the correct time zone.
- On the Email notifications tab, choose which e-mail notifications to receive.

Home Page:

- In the center of the page are the tweets of people whom you follow.
- On the left side of the page is a summary of your profile.
- The box at the top of the page is used when composing tweets.
- Below the profile summary is a list of trending tags.
- On the right side of the page are suggestions of people and things to follow.
- At the top right of the home page is a search bar.

Tweeting:

- Tweeting is the term for communicating using Twitter.
 - Each tweet may consist of a maximum of 140 characters.
 - Use the “at” symbol (@) to refer to another Twitter user.
 - Use a hashtag (#) before keywords.
- Three actions can be taken on other people’s tweets.
 - Click on the reply arrow to reply to the tweet.
 - Click on the boxed arrows to retweet or tweet the same thing yourself.
 - Click on the favorite star to show you like a tweet and to be able to find it easily in the future.

Hashtags:

- A hashtag is a keyword. It is indicated by the hashtag symbol (#) immediately preceding the word.
- Hashtags group “conversations” in Twitter.
- Click on a hashtag to view all tweets containing that hashtag.

Etiquette:

- Make sure what you tweet is meaningful.
- Include three or fewer hashtags per tweet.
- Be polite and respectful when tweeting.
- Do not spoil the end of a movie or book when tweeting.

Tips:

- Don't be afraid to join the conversation.
- Remember Twitter etiquette.
- Always sign out when finished.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.