

## Homework Helpers Hints (for parents)

A few tips to help you answer those tricky questions set for homework. For example:

Question: What were the last three words of Ned Kelly?

The traditional method for research would be:

1. Go to your reference books (encyclopaedias/dictionary) to find out background information (eg Who was Ned Kelly? Australian Bushranger being the keywords for future category searches) – My home encyclopaedia was published in America in 1962 – so this wasn't much help.
2. Take in some fresh air on the way to your local library (Why are they never open on Sunday evening when your child tells you about the homework due on Monday morning?!). Lookup the category code for "Australian Bushrangers" in biographies and locate Ned Kelly in the section of choice.

Alternatively, you can use the same basic steps to find the answer on the internet (your local library has free internet access for research purposes such as this – just ask!).

1. Go to your starting point (suggest the Bull Creek Primary internet page: [www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au](http://www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au) and click on the 'reference' button.
2. First go to the encyclopaedias for background information. Britannica or Encarta would have to be favourites for this search. (Most on-line encyclopaedias are American based – so for an uniquely Australian question like this choose the largest reference databases... and don't expect too much information.)
3. Search the internet with the Key words you have collected (ie Ned Kelly, Australian Bushrangers, last words). Again, go to the Bull Creek Primary internet page as a starting point: [www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au](http://www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au) and click on the 'reference' button. This page lists some useful and popular internet search engines (although I have listed kid-safe search engines, always supervise your children on the internet).

In this case I have used Yahoooligans:



this revealed 5 sites of interest:

1. **Ned Kelly** - get facts in this Australian outlaw.  
<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/australians/nedkelly.htm>  
 More sites about: [Australia > Biographies > Ned Kelly](#)
2. **Ned Kelly - Criminal and Folk Hero** - read about this beloved, feared, and controversial outlaw, and try the quiz.  
<http://homepage.powerup.com.au/~ozesl/quiz7.html>  
 More sites about: [Australia > Biographies > Ned Kelly](#)
3. **Edward "Ned" Kelly** - read about this famous Australian outlaw's life.  
<http://homepage.tinet.ie/~kellyned/>  
 More sites about: [Australia > Biographies > Ned Kelly](#)
4. **World of Ned Kelly** - learn about his family and the events that shaped his destiny. See a **Kelly** family tree.  
<http://www.nedkellysworld.com.au/>  
 More sites about: [Australia > Biographies > Ned Kelly](#)
5. **Kelly Gang** - info on **Ned** and Dan **Kelly** and their gang of Bushrangers.  
<http://scs.une.edu.au/Bushrangers/kellys.htm>  
 More sites about: [Australia > Biographies > Ned Kelly](#)

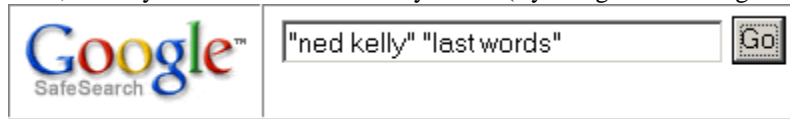
The ABC television site is a great place to start. Their information is more age specific and therefore more relevant in this context.

Give less emphasis to sites that don't have a web address that specifically identifies their organization. They may contain more opinion than facts. Perfect for University research but not so useful for Primary school homework.

Read the web address printed at the end of each entry. You can gain a lot of information from this:

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| <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/btn/australians/nedkelly.htm">www.abc.net.au/btn/australians/nedkelly.htm</a> | You may recognise this as the ABC communications network in Australia and relating to the TV show BTN for kids. So you know that this will be age specific for primary school children – perfect! However it doesn't give the bushrangers last words – keep searching. |
| <a href="http://scs.une.edu.au/bushrangers/kellys.htm">scs.une.edu.au/bushrangers/kellys.htm</a>             | The extension edu.au reveals that the 'home' of this website is at an education facility in Australia. Good info and pictures, but again no last words on this site - keep searching.  |

Next, refine your search with more key words (try Google search engine this time):



Note that I have enclosed the key words in quotation marks. I have requested the search engine to look for these two strings of words (ie it wont look up all sites with these words words scattered throughout them, but will focus on those sites with “ned kelly” and “last words” only.)

This revealed the following:

[Ned Kelly: Australian Ironoutlaw || Inner History](#)

... **Ned Kelly** knew now that the time had come to stand and fight. ... Kelly's **last words** were: "Arr well, I suppose it had to come to this. Such. ...  
[www.ironoutlaw.com/html/history\\_02.html](http://www.ironoutlaw.com/html/history_02.html) - 52k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Ned Kelly: Australian Ironoutlaw || Writings On Ned](#)

... at the University of Sydney, to check **Ned Kelly** for authenticity. ... Kelly's **last words** to him were "Go quietly to bed, and don't dream too loud." ...  
[www.ironoutlaw.com/html/writings\\_white.html](http://www.ironoutlaw.com/html/writings_white.html) - 36k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)  
[ [More results from www.ironoutlaw.com](#) ]

[Ned Kelly corrections - moviemistakes.com](#)

... For those who don't know, 'Such Is Life' were in fact the real **Ned Kelly's last words** before he was hanged at the Old Melbourne Gaol in 1880. ...  
[www.moviemistakes.com/film3786/corrections](http://www.moviemistakes.com/film3786/corrections) - 13k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Ned Kelly Chronology](#)

... The Life and Times of Australian Bush Ranger **Ned Kelly** ... Later he meets with his mother whose **last words** to him are: "Mind you die like a Kelly, Ned! ...  
[users.comnkey.net/fussichen/otdned.htm](http://users.comnkey.net/fussichen/otdned.htm) - 32k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Adam Lovell - Patch page](#)

... arrested **Ned Kelly**, and took him to the Benella lock-up. ... The police,

Eureka! We've found it!  
(Eureka is probably next weeks homework!)

And a few red herrings

Go to the site just to make sure:

At 9am on the morning of November 11, as a crowd of 5,000 gathered outside the Melbourne Gaol, Ned was transferred to the condemned cell. Just before 10am, he was led out onto the scaffold. As the hangman adjusted the hood to cover his face, Kelly's last words were: "Arr well, I suppose it had to come to this. Such... (is life)". At four minutes past 10, the executioner pulled the lever and Ned Kelly plunged into immortality. His headless body was buried in an unmarked grave on the grounds of the Old Melbourne Gaol. It was then later removed to Pentridge Prison's Cemetery.

Answer: Such is Life

A good researcher will always quote the reference of the source documentation. So quote the URL (web site address): [http://www.ironoutlaw.com/html/history\\_02.html](http://www.ironoutlaw.com/html/history_02.html)

As an end note you can also lookup the local library for any books on this topic (always a good idea to collect background information). Go to the Bull Creek Primary School site: [www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au](http://www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au) to the 'reference' section and click on the "Bull Creek/Melville Library" shortcut. A quick look at their catalogue will reveal several holdings within the code 364.1552 on Australian Bushrangers and The Kelly Gang.

PS: Or you could just ask Mum/Dad for the answer!