



How to find Creative Commons Material using YouTube

for Teachers and Students

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YouTube is one of the most commonly used video search engines in the world. Did you know you can use YouTube to find Creative Commons (CC) licensed Videos? Using the YouTube search filters, you are able to search for material by keyword and refine your search to show only material available under a CC license.

This guide was created to help teachers, students and curriculum units find CC licensed material on YouTube. It forms one part of an information pack on CC for the education sector. It is advised that you first read information guide [‘What is Creative Commons?’](#) for a simple and helpful introduction to CC.

! YouTube’s website is not the only way to search for CC licensed videos. Creative Commons hosts its own search engine at <http://search.creativecommons.org>.

For information on how to use Creative Commons’ search engine, see [‘How to find Creative Commons Material using the Creative Commons Search Portal’](#)

For a list of sites that host CC material see: [this wiki on Content Directories](#) and [Smartcopying’s list of OER](#).



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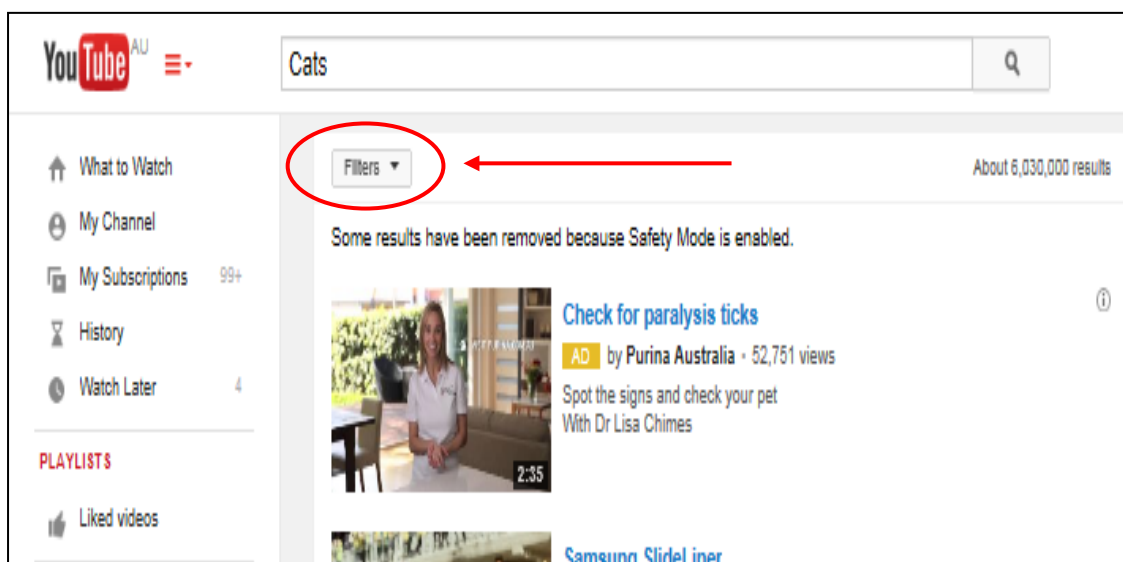
Finding CC licensed videos on YouTube

Below is a step-by-step guide to using the YouTube filter to find videos released under CC licenses.

- It is important to consider how you want to use any CC material before you begin your search. This is because different CC licences let you do different things. Knowing what you want to do with the material will help you choose the licence that is suitable for your use.

Step 1. Do a search and find the filters option

After you do a search on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), click on the filters option.



Step 2. Filter results

Under 'Features' select Creative Commons.

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Filters Creative Commons X About 73,200 results

Upload date	Result type	Duration	Features	sort by
Last hour	Video	Short (~4 minutes)	HD (high definition)	Relevance
Today	Channel	Long (20~ minutes)	CC (closed caption)	Upload date
This week	Playlist		Creative Commons X	New count
This month	Movie		3D	Rating
This year	Show		Live	
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