Search engines

How you find things on the web. A search engine is what finds websites for you when you type a question into your browser. You type, it brings back the answers.

Google

The most used, by far. It has been organizing the web the longest, so its answers are usually the most accurate. The trade-off: Google remembers what you search so it can show you ads.

Bing

Microsoft's search engine. It comes built into the Edge browser. Solid answers, and Microsoft also uses your searches to personalize ads.

DuckDuckGo

The privacy-first option. It does not build a profile on you. The trade-off: its answers are not as accurate as Google's — and weaker answers can lead you to the wrong sites.

Our recommendation

Use Google for accuracy. Better answers mean fewer wrong clicks into bad sites. Real privacy comes from a browser that blocks trackers, and from safe habits — see the Security section.