



## How to Get Started:

1. Visit this website:  
**Search.twitter.com**
2. Enter a keyword, or **hashtag #**, to find relevant tweets
3. Skim the tweets to find relevant articles, advice, links, resources, etc.
4. Click on a **username** to see their recent tweets, who they follow, etc.
5. Consider creating your own Twitter account. Visit [Twitter.com](http://Twitter.com)

**Tweets:** Public 140-character messages sent to Twitter via phone, the web, or third-party applications.

## #topic:

AKA “hashtag”, is a way to group tweets by keyword. It is particularly useful for events and groups. Try #edchat, #mathchat, #lachat, #educoach

## @username:

A form of conversation on Twitter. @username either directs a Tweet to someone (called a mention) or indicates a reply to an earlier Tweet.

## RT or Retweet:

Analogous to forwarding an email; re-sending a tweet sent by someone else. Courtesy: include the @username of the person who authored the tweet.

## TwitterStream:

A collection of tweets sent by everyone that you or a public timeline of all tweets.

## Follower:

Someone who sees your tweets in their TweetStream.

## Following:

People you follow appear in our TweetStream.

