

## Resources for Freelancers

### Organizations, websites and a list

ACES (blog, news, resources, jobs, and the ACES forums): [www.copydesk.org](http://www.copydesk.org)

Copyediting Newsletter (Links, blog, jobs, resources, training): [www.copyediting.com](http://www.copyediting.com)

Editorial Freelancers Association (Training, resources, jobs): [www.the-efa.org](http://www.the-efa.org)

Journalists' Toolbox (Compendium of links to useful sites) [www.journaliststoolbox.org](http://www.journaliststoolbox.org)

Copyeditor's Knowledge Base (Links to resources for freelance copyeditors):  
<http://www.kokedit.com/ckb.php>

Common Errors in English Usage (Big list of quick-hit usage tips):  
[www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/errors.html](http://www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/errors.html)

Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips (transcripts of all the podcasts, more):  
<http://www.quickanddirtytips.com>

Grant Barrett's searches (word-related sites, Google books):  
<http://www.copyediting.com/two-copy-desk-power-searches>

CE-L (mailing list for copyeditors): Sign up at <http://www.copyediting-l.info/>

### Stylebooks and usage guides

*The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual* (available as an app and online by subscription)

*Chicago Manual of Style* (also available online by subscription)

*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (online subscription available)

*Yahoo! Style Guide*

*Concise Rules of APA Style*

*MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*

*A Pocket Style Manual*

*The Bluebook* (Harvard Law Review legal

citation guide; online subscription available)

Quick Check Editorial Reference Cards (from Copyediting.com)

Purdue's Online Writing Lab (guides to Chicago, MLA and APA style)

*Garner's Modern American Usage*

*Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage*

*The Gregg Reference Manual*

*Grammar Girl's Quick & Dirty Tips for Better Writing*

*Elephants of Style and Lapsing into a Comma* (Bill Walsh)

OnlineStylebooks.com

### Dictionaries

Merriam-Webster Collegiate 11th (Chicago's preferred; online free, on CD-ROM, and as a free app; Unabridged by subscription)

Webster's New World College (AP's preferred; also as an app)

Oxford dictionaries (New Oxford American free online or as "Dictionary" application on a Mac; includes American English and World English options)

Oxford English Dictionary online (check with your local library)

Canadian Oxford Dictionary

Wordnik (contains American Heritage, Century Dictionary, others)

American Heritage fifth edition (also as an app)

Visual Thesaurus (subscription)

onelook.com, dictionary.com, thesaurus.com

# The Job Finder Dashboard

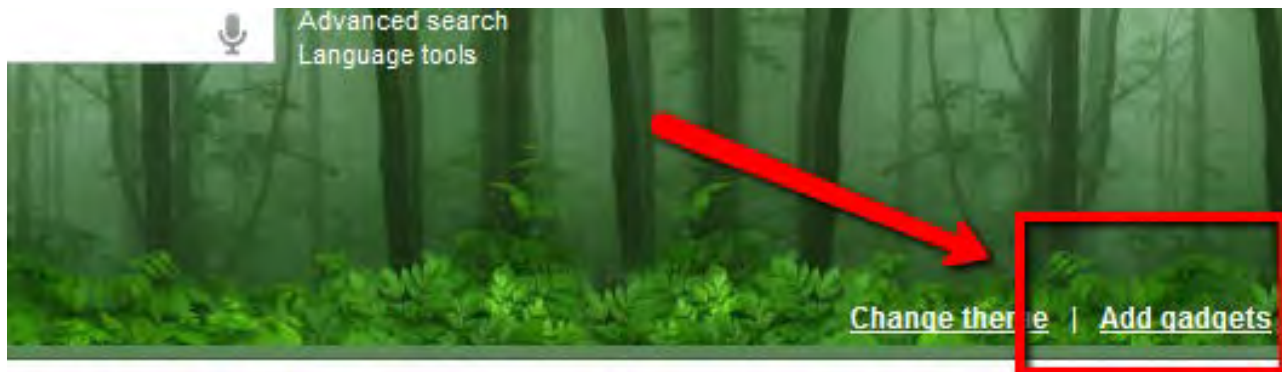
The screenshot displays the iGoogle homepage with a forest background. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Web, Images, Videos, Maps, News, and Gmail. The main search area features the iGoogle logo, a search bar, and buttons for 'Google Search' and 'I'm Feeling Lucky'. Below the search area, the dashboard is organized into several columns of RSS feeds. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Home', 'Job Finder', 'Language Tools', 'Gadget shares', 'Updates', 'Friends', and 'Chat'. The main content area contains several RSS feeds, each with a title and a list of job listings. The feeds include:

- mediabistro.com Job Listings: Freelance/Project Basis, edr
- editor jobs - The Creative Group
- edtingjobs - Twitter Search
- mediabistro.com Job Listings: Freelance/Project Basis, we
- FreelanceSwitch Job Board: All Jobs
- copy editor freelance Jobs | Indeed.com
- substantive editing - Twitter Search
- copyeditor - Twitter Search
- ACESjobs at Yahoo! Groups
- Genuinejobs.com - Over 1400 Work From Home Jobs To Fill

This is my Job Finder home page on iGoogle. Each box is an RSS feed of a saved job search. The more you can customize the job search, better results you'll get.

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- Set up a job finder hub:
  1. If you don't have one already, set up a Google account:  
<https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>.
  2. Create an iGoogle page:  
<http://www.google.com/intl/en/about/products/index.html>
  3. Click on the “Add gadgets” link:



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4. In the “Gadgets” tab, click on “Add feed or gadget” in the lower left of the page:

The screenshot shows the 'Gadgets' tab of the Job Finder Dashboard. On the left, there is a vertical list of navigation links: [Home](#), [Sports](#), [Lifestyle](#), [Technology](#), [Politics](#), and [by Google](#). A large red arrow points from this list down to a red-bordered box containing the [Add feed or gadget](#) button. To the right of the navigation links, there are two gadget options. The first gadget features a photograph of a turtle and an [Add it now](#) button. The second gadget features a weather map of Southern California with labels for Los Angeles, San Diego, and Palm Spring, and a [SEVERE WEATHER ALERT](#) banner, with an [Add it now](#) button below it. Partial text from other gadgets is visible on the right side of the screen.

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5. Add the RSS feed URL to a saved job alert and click “Add”:



Repeat step 5 until all your feeds are on your dashboard. Feed boxes are placed in a grid, but you can order them in a way that makes sense to you. I put the best-performing feeds above the fold.