



Look up your blast from the past online.

reunite with relatives and friends

Re-establishing relationships with long-lost pals and loved ones can go a long way toward boosting your health. And while Googling your best friend from high school might not work if her name's Jane Smith, there are plenty of sites specifically designed to help you reconnect. Here are six to get you started.

WEB SITE	BEST FOR	PROS	CONS	FEATURES	COST
ancestry.com A leading resource of family-history records	Family-history buffs who want to trace their roots	Access census records, historical newspapers, and birth, marriage and death certificates.	Searching for names is free, but you have to subscribe for access to complete information.	Create your own family tree on the Internet.	From \$30 for three-month subscription
bestpeoplesearch.com Investigative services for locating individuals in the U.S. and Canada	Dedicated seekers in search of detailed information	Find unlisted and cellphone numbers.	Although most searches have a no-info, no-charge guarantee, they can be pricey.	If you're willing to spend more dough, turn your search over to a private investigator.	Many options, but a basic people locator runs \$37 for a last address, phone number, and death records search.
classmates.com Like a giant yearbook that boasts more than 38 million members	People who want to find former school buddies	The site includes more than 130,000 schools from kindergarten to college. Browsing requires only a name.	There may be relatively few classmates registered from your school.	Also includes work and military directories for looking up old friends from the field.	Free after registration. You also can become a gold member for \$39/year, which lets you e-mail registered users.
reunion.com A database of high school alumni, with more than 21 million members	Individuals who want to connect with high school buddies, including old flames	Browsing requires only first and last name, approximate age and, if possible, state of residence.	Few individuals from your school may be registered users.	An e-mail will alert you when others conduct a search that matches your name.	Free, but you have to register; or pay \$3/month to send mail, view profiles and share photos.
switchboard.com An Internet-based Yellow and White Pages directory	Those who want fast access to info	You need only a name to begin searching.	Annoying banner ads run alongside the screen.	Use a phone number to do a reverse search to find addresses and driving directions.	Free
ussearch.com An investigative site that trolls thousands of public records	Serious people-searchers with money to spend	Do background checks, property-value checks and an instant criminal-record search.	Plugging in the requisite approximate age can make some searches tough.	If your search is unsuccessful, turn it over to an expert at the site, who won't charge you unless a match is made.	Free to search, but you pay \$15 to buy all the matches to the name you're seeking. An unlimited 24-hour pass is \$20. — Karen Asp

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