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**LIS 1002, Electronic Research Strategies**, introduces students to the core concepts of information retrieval, essential techniques for locating, analyzing, organizing and presenting information, and essential components of computer and information ethics and security. Emphasizing technological skills and critical thinking abilities, the course teaches strategies for using a variety of electronic resources and for coping with their changing nature.

**LIS 2004, Introduction to the Internet as a Research Tool**, is designed to develop the skills needed to use the Internet as a research tool. The course focuses on methods of accessing relevant information resources through the Internet. Students will learn to create search strategies and retrieve, evaluate, and cite Internet resources.




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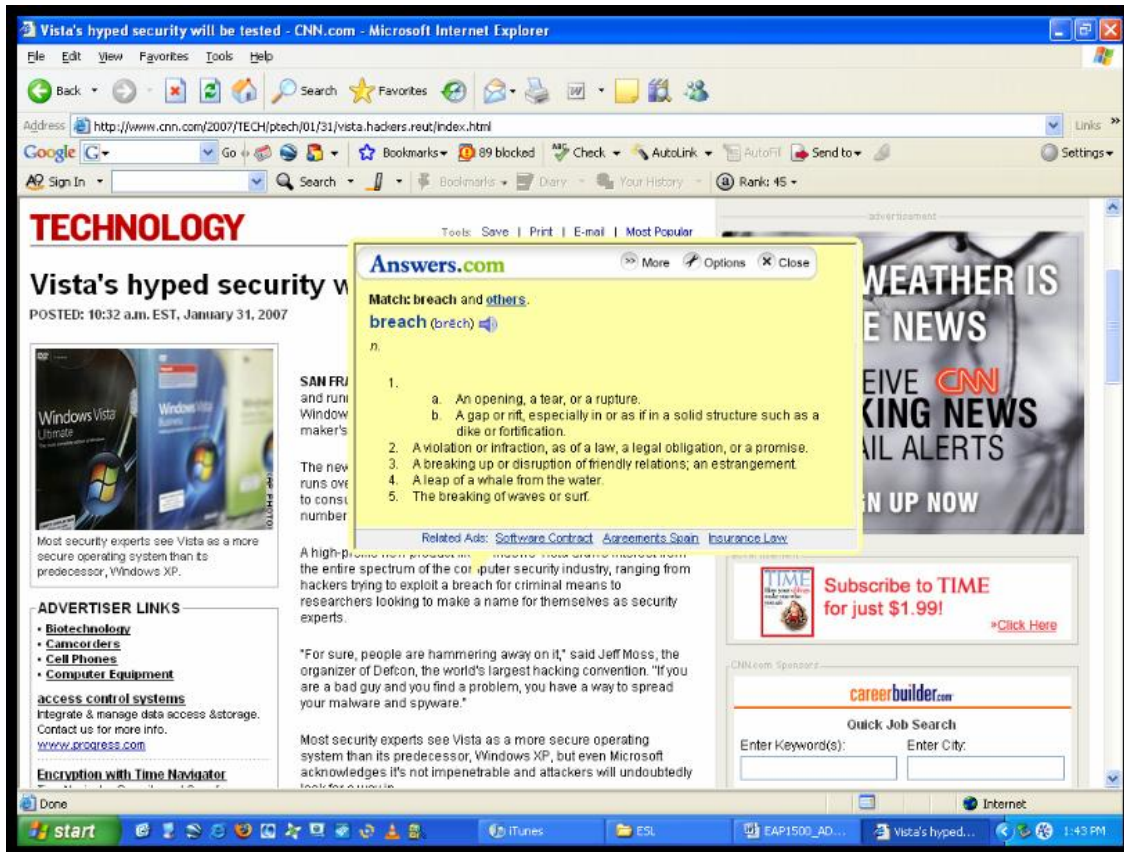
**Dictionaries:**

The **Oxford English Dictionary (OED)** is now available online and it is *the* all-inclusive dictionary! The OED must be searched via Library Online. To do so, click on "Articles and Databases", and input the username as *spc* and the password as *gift* (all lowercase). Scroll down to the left-hand side of the web page and you'll find a link to the OED.



is a free website that provides excellent language resources. For example, search for a word and then click on the  icon for it's pronunciation. [<http://www.answers.com/main/words.jsp>]

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### Some excellent web sites with podcasts:



provides several podcasts spoken at a slower speed in English while using everyday phrases and expressions. [<http://www.eslpod.com/>]

**American Public Media** offers over 20 national public radio programs and specials. *Word for Word* is a good program because each week it features an "interesting and timely speech on a hot topic in the news." [<http://americanpublicmedia.publicradio.org/>]

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# Nuclear Disarmament

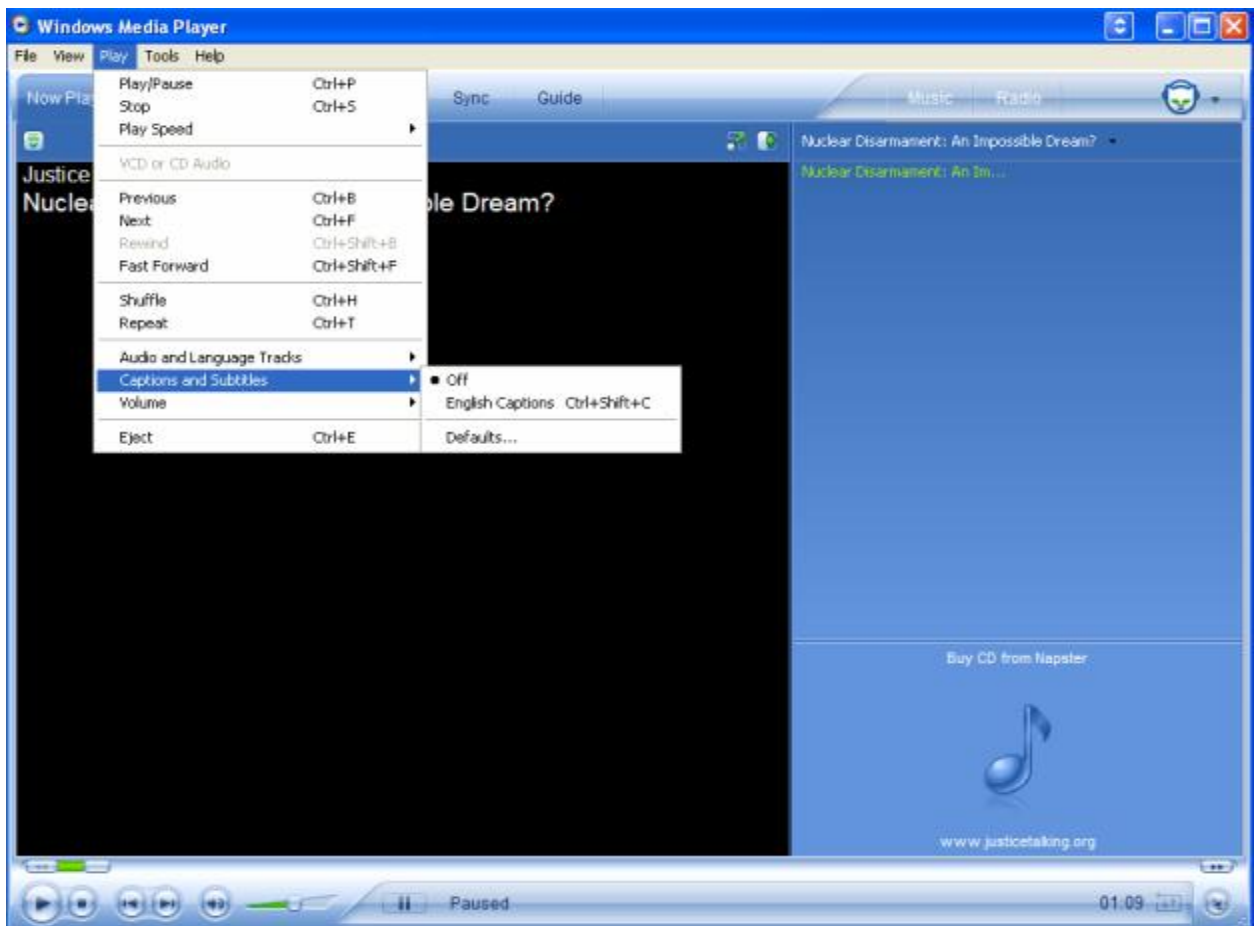
## An Impossible Dream?

Date of Debate: 10/9/2006

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## Human Language

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### Introduction

If you put an English speaker, a Mandarin Chinese speaker, and a Swahili speaker in the same room, chances are they'd have trouble communicating. But according to one scientific theory, they're really all speaking the same language.

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### Audio File

[Human Language](#)

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### Transcript

**Species-specific language. I'm Bob Hirshon and this is Science Update.**

**By one group's count, there are 6,089 languages in the world. That exact number is up for some debate. But David Lightfoot, a linguist at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., says there's another way to count the number of languages—that maybe, there's really just one. Call it "human."**

**Lightfoot:**

It's very different from anything else we see in the animal world. And different animals have different communication systems, and these are genetically determined. So honeybees have one sort of system, herring gulls have another system, and human beings have a certain kind of system.

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