GeoCHK.com Help

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Find a cache's guess page

In the address bar type http://www.geochk.com (or click on the link)

Then in the search box (see below), type the name (or part of the name) of the cache.

(In this example we have typed "Test")

Then click "Search"

The page will then change to show you your search result.

Click on the name of the cache you would like to make a guess on. (In this example we will click on the first one)

(This is the result of searching for "Test" at the time of writing this guide)

Name	Poster	Puzzle URL	Post Date	Correct Guesses	Wrong Guesses	Guess Ratio	Red Herring Guesses
You have made 0 attempts at caches today.							
Test Cac...mber)			2000-01-01 00:00:00	50	76	0.52	43
Test Cac...text)	geochk		2000-01-01 00:00:00	4	8	1.00	0
Test Cac...tion)	geochk		2000-01-01 00:00:00	4	0	-8.00	0

This brings you to the guess page.

For help on the guess page, please read the next section.

Make a guess

There are 3 types of puzzle on GeoCHK.com:

1. Location – to solve this type of puzzle you need to enter the location of the cache.
2. Number – to solve this type of puzzle you have to enter the correct number. In the message you should be given the location of the cache.
3. Phrase – to solve this type of puzzle you have to enter the correct phrase. In the message you should be given the location of the cache.

Make a guess

Location Guess

The page should look like the below (except the puzzle name is probably different).

Drop down boxes to fill in the cache location

This is the name of the cache you are guessing at

If you filled in the drop down boxes click this to check your answer

Text box to fill in the cache location

If you filled in the text boxes click this to check your answer

The number of times people have guessed red herrings for this cache

The number of correct guesses made for this cache

The number of wrong guesses for this cache

Note: the red text and arrows are not part of the page, they were put in to help explain.

Fill in your guess by either clicking the down arrow on each of the drop down boxes then selecting the option you want, or by typing in your answer into the text box.

After you have filled in your answer click the "Check" button closest to where you filled it in.

If you (or anyone with the same public IP address as you) haven't made a guess in the past hour you will then be shown a result page telling you if your guess was correct or not.
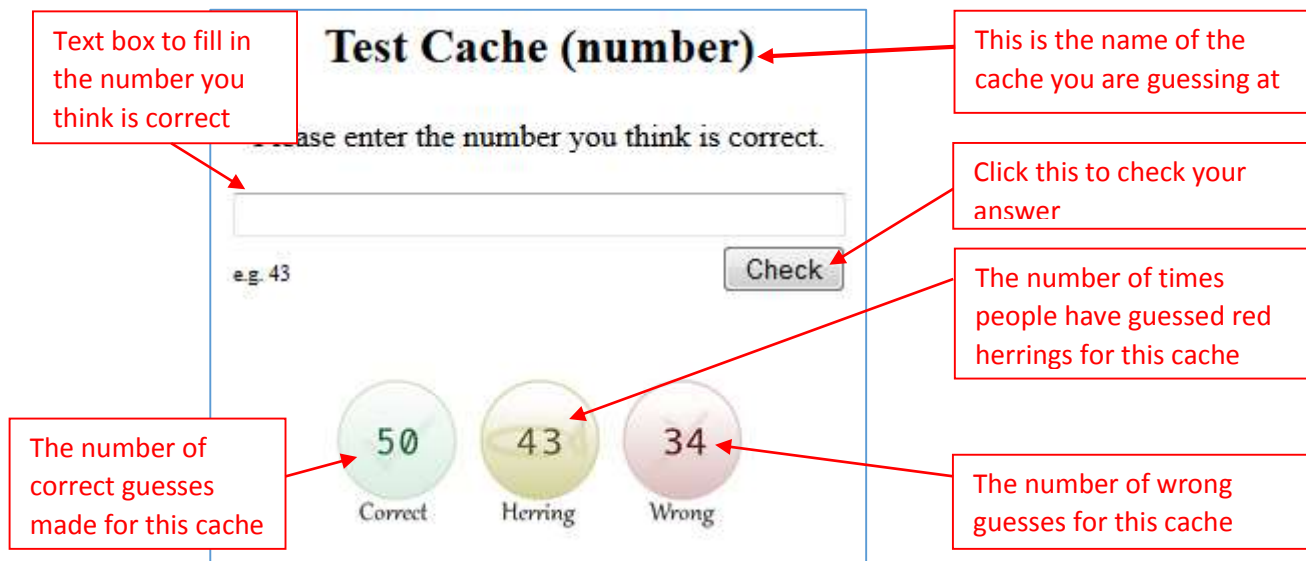
If you have made a guess in the past hour you will be shown an advertisement.
The advertisement is there to help us pay for the site. You can completely avoid any advertisements by making at most 1 guess per hour. There will be a warning at the bottom of the guessing page if you will be shown an advertisement.
After a few seconds a button should appear / be enabled that will allow you to continue to the result page. The button is usually in the top right hand corner of the screen. Click that to continue.

Number Guess

The page should look like the below (except the puzzle name is probably different).

Text box to fill in the number you think is correct

Test Cache (number)

This is the name of the cache you are guessing at

Please enter the number you think is correct.

Click this to check your answer

e.g. 43   Check

The number of times people have guessed red herrings for this cache

The number of correct guesses made for this cache

50   43   34

Correct   Herring   Wrong

The number of wrong guesses for this cache

Note: the red text and arrows are not part of the page, they were put in to help explain.

Fill in your guess by typing in your answer into the text box.

After you have filled in your answer click the "Check" button.

If you (or anyone with the same public IP address as you) haven't made a guess in the past hour you will then be shown a result page telling you if your guess was correct or not.

If you have made a guess in the past hour you will be shown an advertisement.
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Phrase Guess

The page should look like the below (except the puzzle name is probably different).

Text box to fill in the phrase you think is correct

Test Cache (text)

This is the name of the cache you are guessing at

Please enter the text you think is correct.

Click this to check your answer

e.g. "Can you guess it" (without quotes)   Check

The number of times people have guessed red herrings for this cache

The number of correct guesses made for this cache

4   0   8

Correct   Herring   Wrong

The number of wrong guesses for this cache

Note: the red text and arrows are not part of the page, they were put in to help explain.

Fill in your guess by typing in your answer into the text box.

After you have filled in your answer click the "Check" button.

If you (or anyone with the same public IP address as you) haven't made a guess in the past hour you will then be shown a result page telling you if your guess was correct or not.

If you have made a guess in the past hour you will be shown an advertisement.
The advertisement is there to help us pay for the site. You can completely avoid any advertisements by making at most 1 guess per hour. There will be a warning at the bottom of the guessing page if you will be shown an advertisement.
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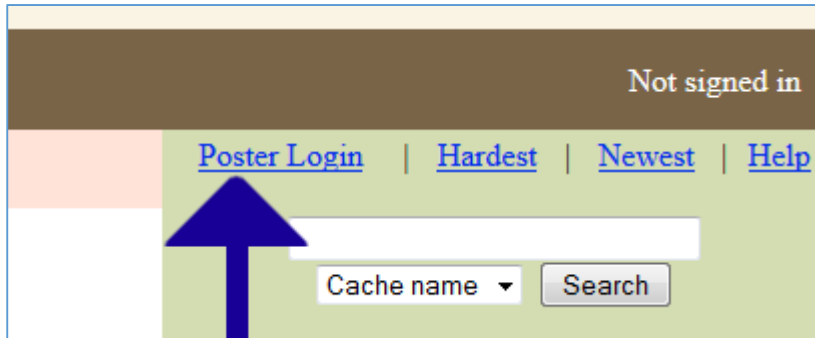
List a Cache

In order to list a cache puzzle on GeoCHK.com you will need an account.

This is so you can manage the cache in the future, and so the site isn't filled with fake caches.
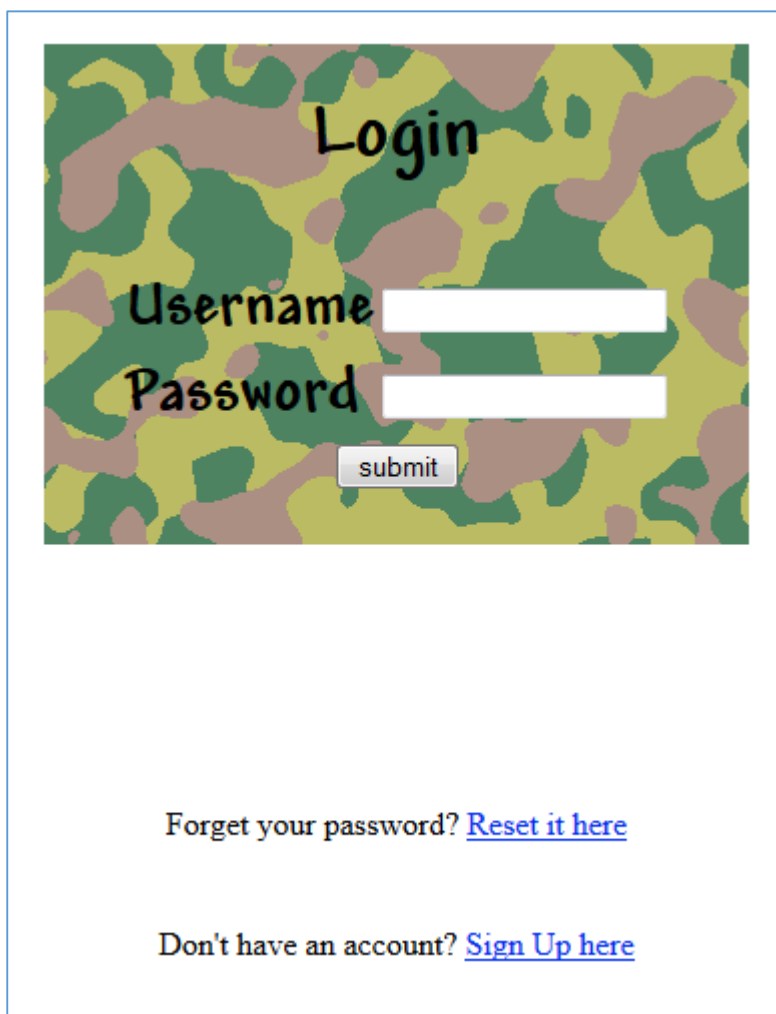
Very little information is needed, only a username, a password, and an email address (to limit accounts (1 per email address) and to help prove you are a real person).

Create an Account

Click "Poster Login" at the top of the bar on the right of the page.

The main area of the page should then look like this:

Click "Sign up here" which will change the page to this:

Fill in your information and the anti-robot code (don't use the details in the example below)

If the Anti-robot code is too hard to read, click here to generate a new one

Note: The anti-robot code is ONLY letters, it DOESN'T matter if you enter uppercase or lowercase, there are no "Q"s or "Z"s in the code, and it is 7 letters long.

You will need to enter a real email address because in the next step your account will be verified by you clicking a link in an email sent to the email address you enter here.

Click "Sign Up" to continue.

You should then see a web page like the below:

Account successfully created

Your new account (GeoCHK) has been created. An activation link will be sent to your email address shortly

Click here to login

The account name you requested has now been temporarily reserved. Unless you activate it, it will expire in 1 hour.

You now need to check your email for one that looks like this:

Hello GeoCHK,
You recently signed up for an account on geochk.com

Your activation link is http://www.geochk.com/activate.php?id=2&key=THISISAFAKEACTIVATIONKEYUSEYOURS

Regards,
        geochk.com

Then either click on the link or copy it into your web browser, and you should see this page:
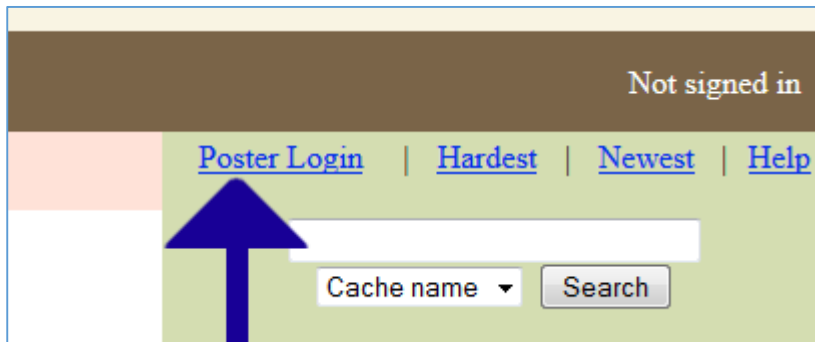
Account has been activated

Thank you, GeoCHK, you can now login with this account
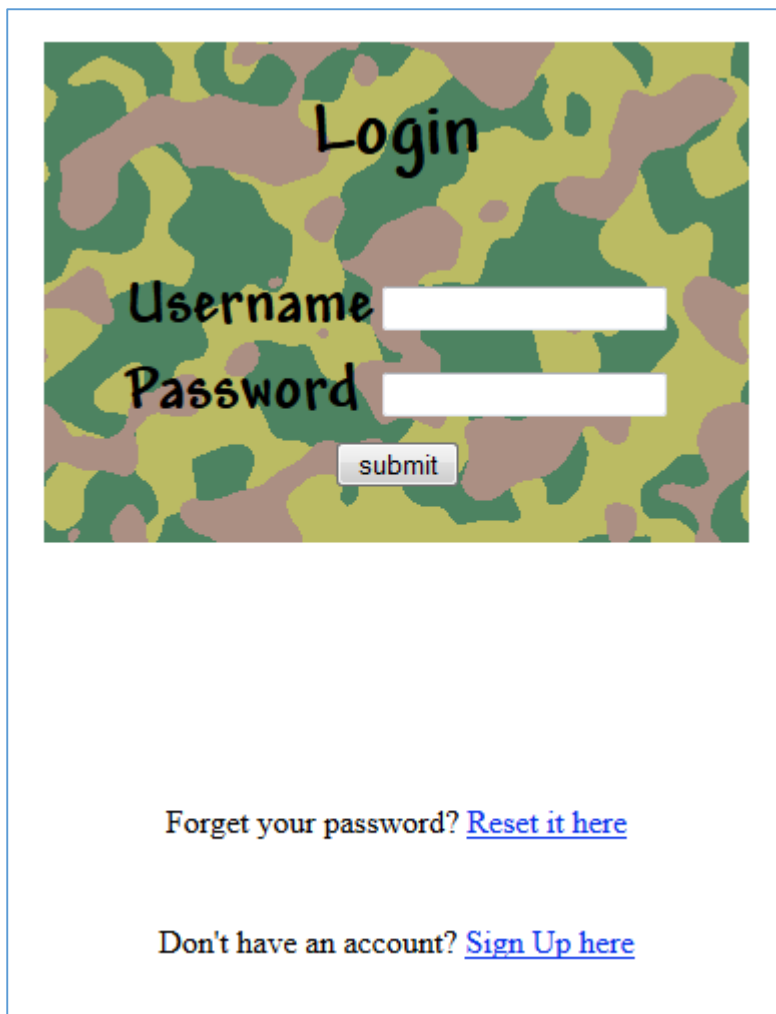
Click here to login

You can now log into your account.

Create a Cache

Click "Poster Login" at the top of the bar on the right of the page.

The main area of the page should then look like this:

Enter your username and password and then click on submit.
If you don't have an account, please see the section "Create an Account".

You will then be brought to the user management page:

Click "Add New".

Name:

GC Code: GC

Answer Type: ● Location ○ Number ○ Phrase

Answer:

Answer Radius: Off

Enter the name of your cache here

Enter the GC code of your cache here (or leave it blank)

Choose the type of answer you want to accept

Enter the correct answer here

Choose a radius. It is measured in milli minutes for "Location" and doesn't work for "Phrase"

Correct message edit bar

The answer IS ???

Congratulations! You have found the correct answer.

Correct message box

Within radius message edit bar

Within Radius Message:

The answer was ACTUALLY ???

So close! You didn't have the right answer, but you are close enough to give it you.

Within radius message box

Incorrect message edit bar

Incorrect Message:

The answer is NOT ???

Sorry! That answer is wrong.

Incorrect message box

Cancel

Save

Cancel button (you will loose any information you have filled in if you click this)

Save button (this will stop your editing and save the cache)

Red Herrings

These can be added once you save the cache. Simply edit it, and click "Add new herring"

Fill in the name of the cache and the GC code (if you have one. You can change this later).

Choose an answer type:
Location is a standard GPS location, for example "S37 48.853, E144 57.790" (without quotes).
Number is a whole number, for example "10" (without quotes).
Phrase is a word or sentence (up to 30 characters) for example "GeoCHK" (without quotes).

Enter the answer to your puzzle.

Choose a radius. This is amount a guess can be off by and still counted as correct.
This is measured in milli minutes (S37 48.853 changing to S37 48.854 is 1 milli minute) for "Location", and does nothing for "Phrase".
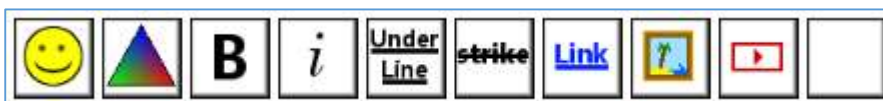
Next you have to choose the messages people will see when they make a guess (the green, yellow and red boxes).
The green box is for the correct message, the yellow box is for when someone guesses wrong but it is inside the radius you specified earlier of the correct answer, and the red box is for when someone guesses wrong.
You can't change the first line in any of the boxes, it is required so people can see what they guessed and if it was right.

The row of buttons above each box is to allow you to add special things you wouldn't normally be able to type (such as images).
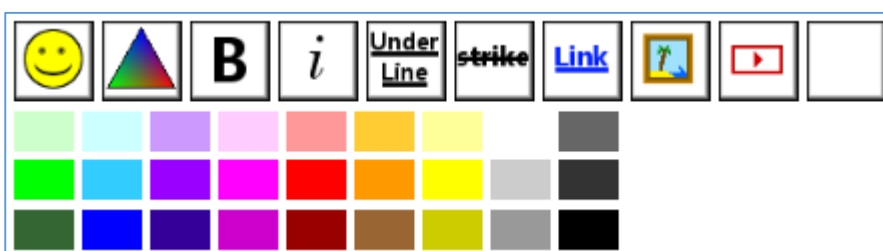
Edit Bar

1. The first button on the edit bar is to insert smilies. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for smilies:

   To insert a smilie: have the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box just below the edit bar you are using, then click on the smilie you want.
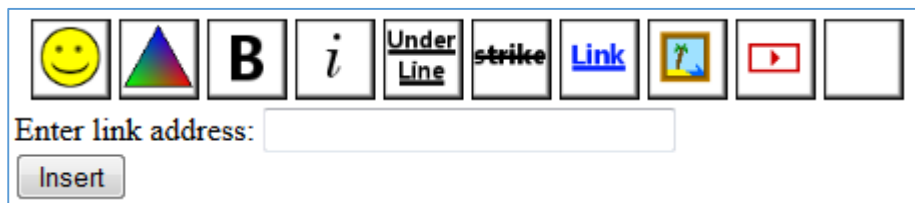
2. The second item in the edit bar is the colour chooser. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for colours:

   To change the colour of some text: highlight the text you want to change the colour of, then click on the colour in the colour chooser bar that you want it to be.
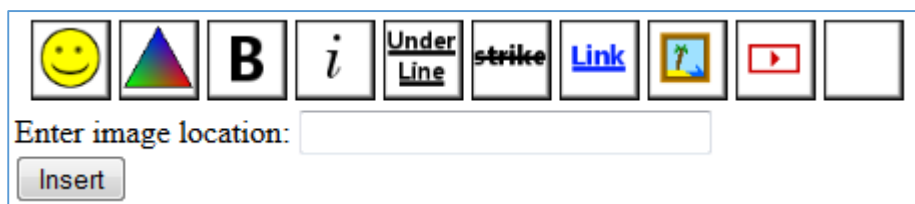
3. The third item in the edit bar is the bold button. To make some text bold: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the bold button.
4. The fourth item in the edit bar is the italic button. To make some text italic: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the italic button.
5. The fifth item in the edit bar is the underline button. To underline some text: highlight the text you want to underline then click the underline button.
6. The sixth item in the edit bar is the strikethrough button. To strikethrough some text: highlight the text you want to strikethrough then click the strikethrough button.

7. The seventh item in the edit bar is the hyperlink button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the link you want to insert:
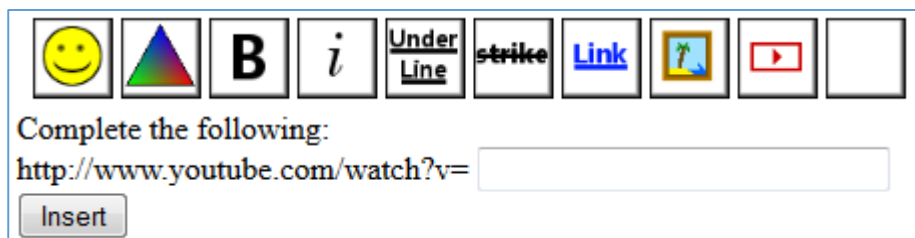

To insert a hyperlink: type the address you want the link to go to, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the link to appear, then click on "Insert".

8. The eighth item in the edit bar is the image button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the location of the image you want to insert:

To insert an image: type the address of the image you want, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the image to appear, then click on "Insert".

9. The ninth item in the edit bar is the YouTube button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to complete the address of the YouTube clip you want to insert:

To insert a YouTube clip: finish the address of the YouTube clip you want (enter the part after the "watch?v=", then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the YouTube clip to appear, then click on "Insert".

10. The tenth and last item in the edit bar is the blank button. This button removes the effect of all of the other buttons for the text you highlight, and it also removes line breaks. To use the blank button: highlight some text you wish to make plain, and / or an image or YouTube clip you want to remove, then click the blank button.

Why can't I make Red Herrings yet?

You can't make red herrings for a cache until after you have saved it for the first time. This is because when you press save your cache is given a unique ID and it is that ID that the red herrings are linked to.

When you have finished filling in the fields and typing the messages you want people to see when they guess, click the save button to save the cache (or click cancel if you want to abort making it).
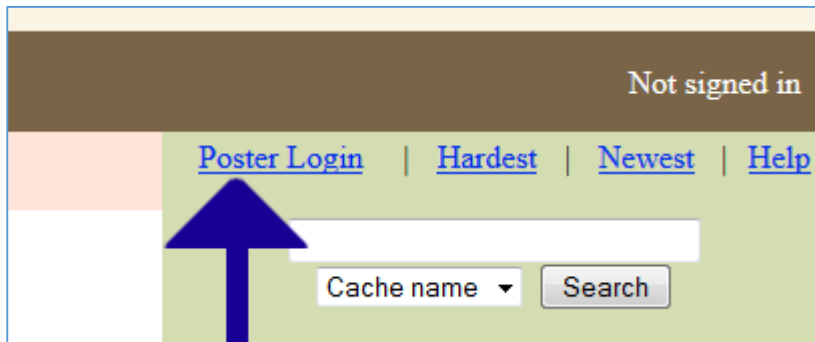
After you press save, a prompt will come up asking if you want to make another cache.
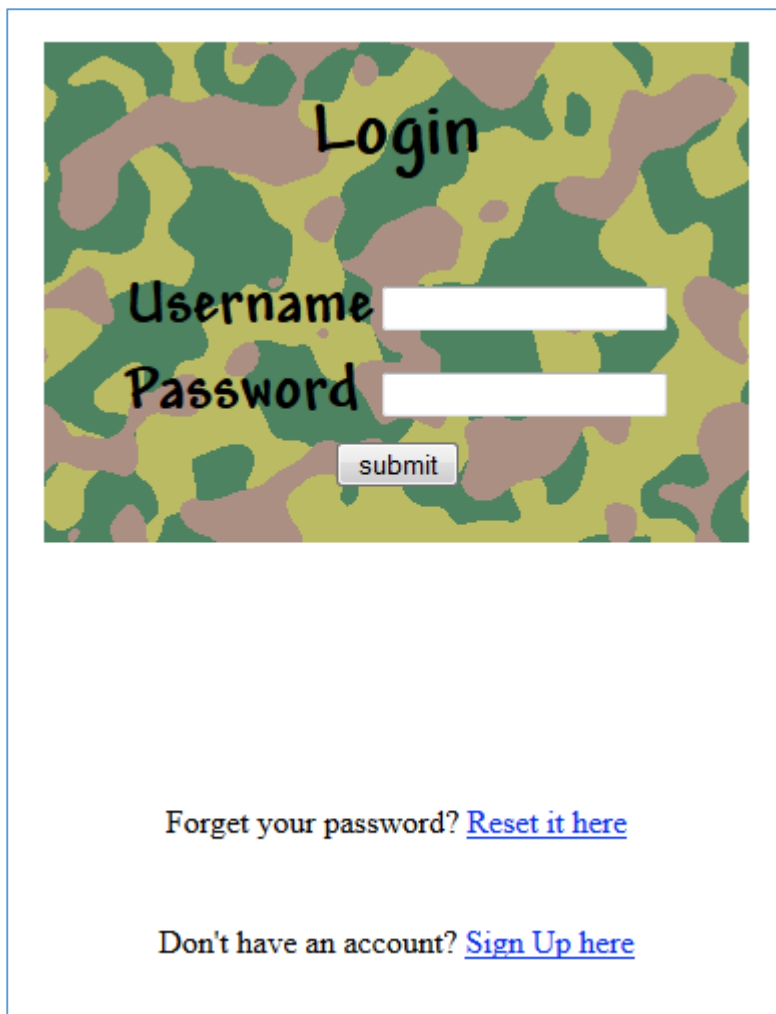
New Cache Added.
Press "OK" to make another cache or "Cancel" to go to the cache list
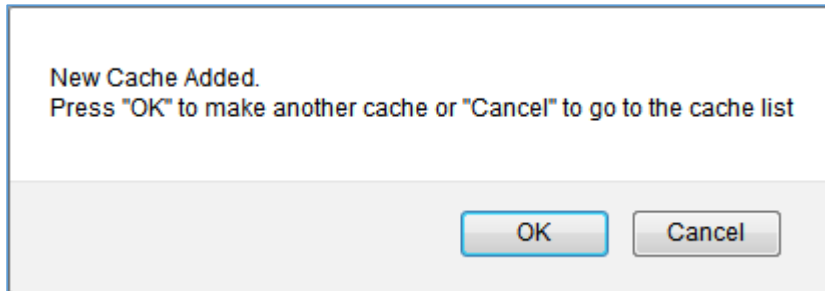
[OK]   [Cancel]

If you want to make another cache press ok, otherwise press cancel, your current cache will be saved either way.

Edit a Cache

Click "Poster Login" at the top of the bar on the right of the page.

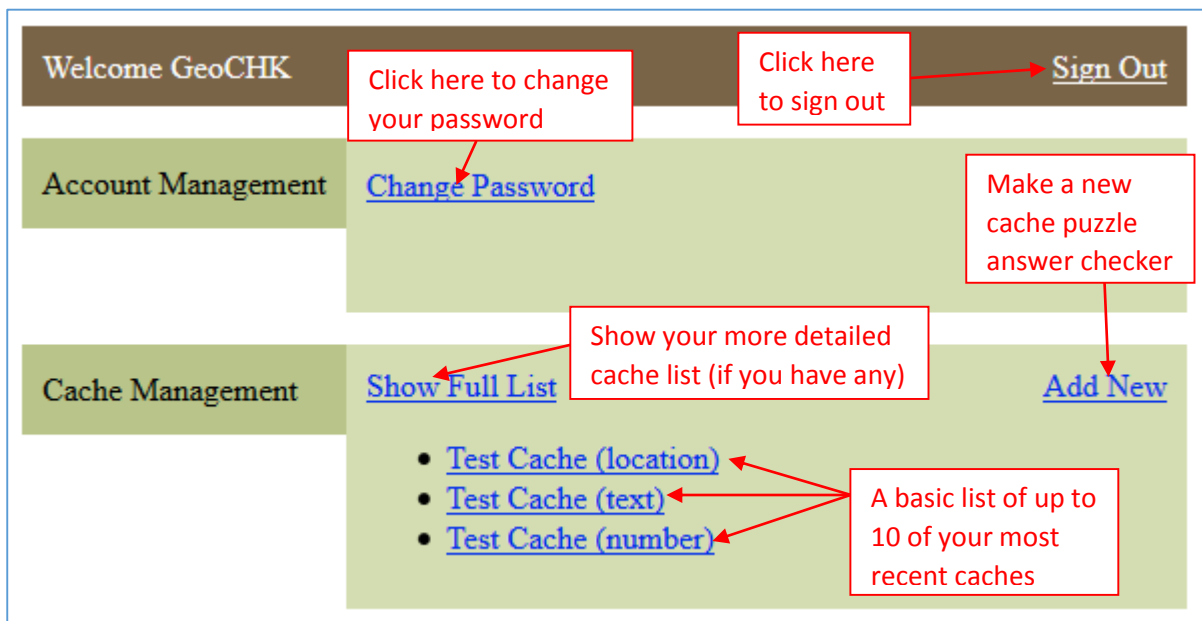The main area of the page should then look like this:

Enter your username and password and then click on submit.
If you don't have an account, please see the section "Create an Account".

You will then be brought to the user management page:

Click "Show Full List".

This will show the expanded cache list:

Click one of these to
edit one of the caches

Name	Puzzle URL	Post Date	Actions
Test Cache (location)			Edit Delete
Test Cache (text)		2000-01-01 00:00:00	Edit Delete
Test Cache (number)		2000-01-01 00:00:00	Edit Delete

Be CAREFUL! Clicking
one of these will
delete the cache

Test / make a
guess on the cache

n to user management page   Add new cache

Click edit on the cache you want to edit.

Name: Test Cache (location)

GC Code: GC

Answer Type: ● Location   ○ Number   ○ Phrase

Answer: S37 48.853, E144 57.790

Answer Radius: Off

Enter the name of your cache here

Enter the GC code of your cache here (or leave it blank)

Choose the type of answer you want to accept

Enter the correct answer here

Choose a radius. It is measured in milli minutes for "Location" and doesn't work for "Phrase"

Correct message edit bar

The answer IS ???

Congratulations! You have found the correct answer.

Correct message box

Within radius message edit bar

Within Radius Message:

The answer was ACTUALLY ???

So close! You didn't have the right answer, but you are close enough to give it you.

Within radius message box

Incorrect message edit bar

Incorrect Message:

The answer is NOT ???

You had the wrong answer.
Because this is a test cache, we can tell you the answer is S37 48.853, E144 57.790.
here is also a red herring of n00 00.000, e000 00.000 (AKA 0, 0)
Enjoy the site, and good luck with real puzzles!

Incorrect message box

Cancel button (you will lose any information you have filled in if you click this)

Save button (this will stop your editing and save the cache)

The number of people who have fallen for this herring

The answer for this herring

(Part of) The message people see when they guess this herring

Delete the herring

Red Herrings

Actions	Hits	Answer	Message
Edit Delete	0	N00 0.000, E000 0.000	Tricked you! This is a red herring. Because this is a test ....

Edit the herring

Add new herring

Add a new herring

Modify the name of the cache and the GC code (if you want to).

Choose an answer type:
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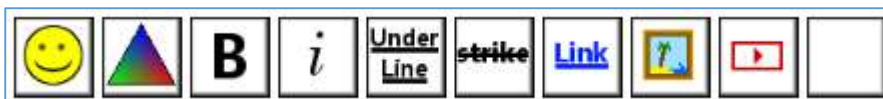
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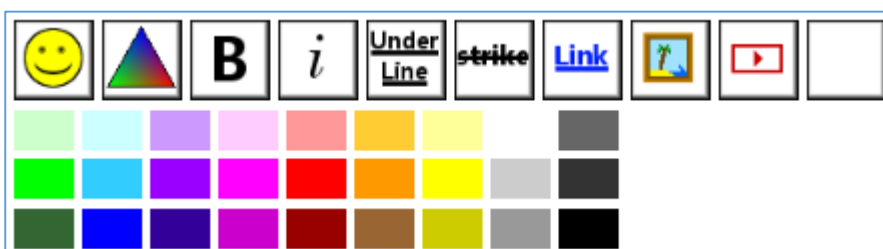
Edit Bar

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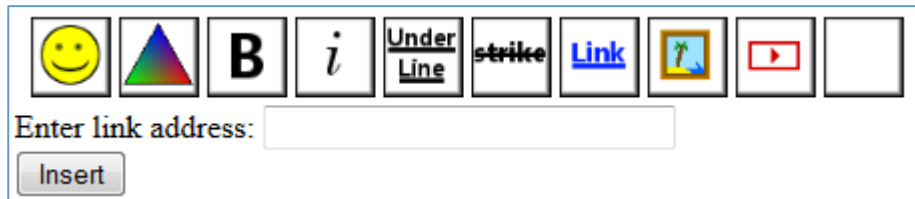

   To insert a smilie: have the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box just below the edit bar you are using, then click on the smilie you want.

2. The second item in the edit bar is the colour chooser. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for colours:
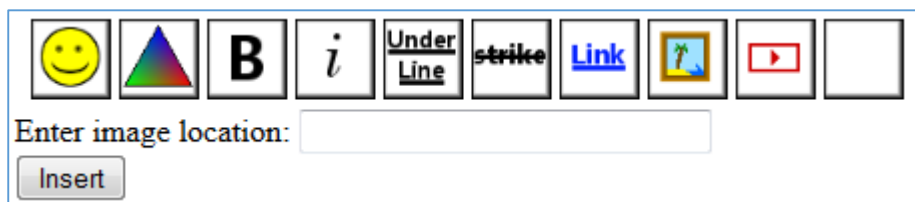

   To change the colour of some text: highlight the text you want to change the colour of, then click on the colour in the colour chooser bar that you want it to be.

3. The third item in the edit bar is the bold button. To make some text bold: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the bold button.

4. The fourth item in the edit bar is the italic button. To make some text italic: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the italic button.

5. The fifth item in the edit bar is the underline button. To underline some text: highlight the text you want to underline then click the underline button.

6. The sixth item in the edit bar is the strikethrough button. To strikethrough some text: highlight the text you want to strikethrough then click the strikethrough button.

7. The seventh item in the edit bar is the hyperlink button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the link you want to insert:
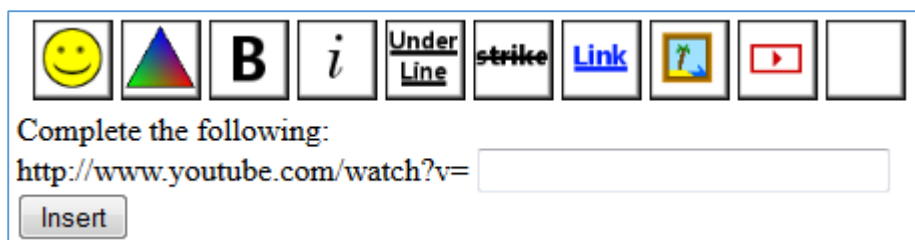
To insert a hyperlink: type the address you want the link to go to, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the link to appear, then click on "Insert".

8. The eighth item in the edit bar is the image button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the location of the image you want to insert:

To insert an image: type the address of the image you want, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the image to appear, then click on "Insert".

9. The ninth item in the edit bar is the YouTube button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to complete the address of the YouTube clip you want to insert:

To insert a YouTube clip: finish the address of the YouTube clip you want (enter the part after the "watch?v=", then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the YouTube clip to appear, then click on "Insert".

10. The tenth and last item in the edit bar is the blank button. This button removes the effect of all of the other buttons for the text you highlight, and it also removes line breaks. To use the blank button: highlight some text you wish to make plain, and / or an image or YouTube clip you want to remove, then click the blank button.

Red Herrings

You can make, edit and delete red herrings from the section below the save and cancel buttons on the cache editing page.

Be careful if you click delete, because you will that herring including the fake answer and message will be permanently deleted.
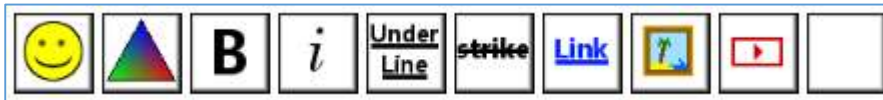
Add a new Herring

If you click "Add a new herring" you will be taken to the herring creation page:

Choose the Answer for this red herring.

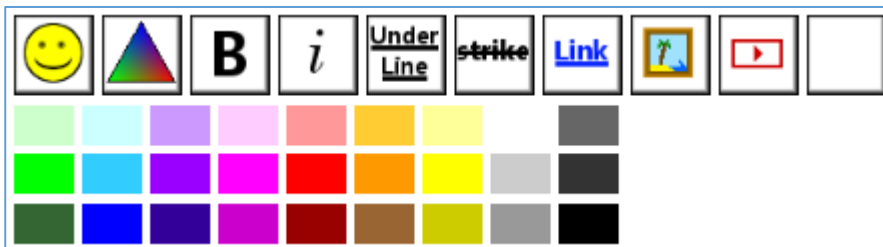Then choose the message people will see when they guess this red herring.

Edit Bar

1. The first button on the edit bar is to insert smilies. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for smilies:
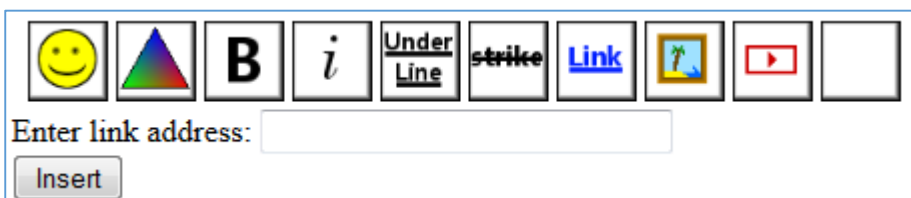

To insert a smilie: have the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box just below the edit bar you are using, then click on the smilie you want.

2. The second item in the edit bar is the colour chooser. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for colours:
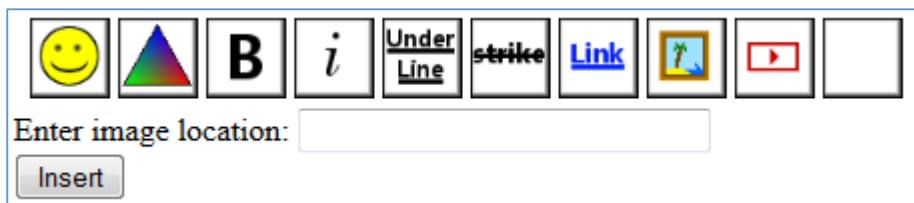

To change the colour of some text: highlight the text you want to change the colour of, then click on the colour in the colour chooser bar that you want it to be.

3. The third item in the edit bar is the bold button. To make some text bold: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the bold button.
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7. The seventh item in the edit bar is the hyperlink button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the link you want to insert:

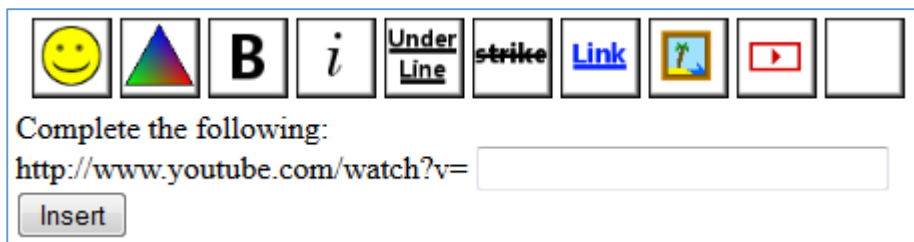To insert a hyperlink: type the address you want the link to go to, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the link to appear, then click on "Insert".

8. The eighth item in the edit bar is the image button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the location of the image you want to insert:

To insert an image: type the address of the image you want, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the image to appear, then click on "Insert".
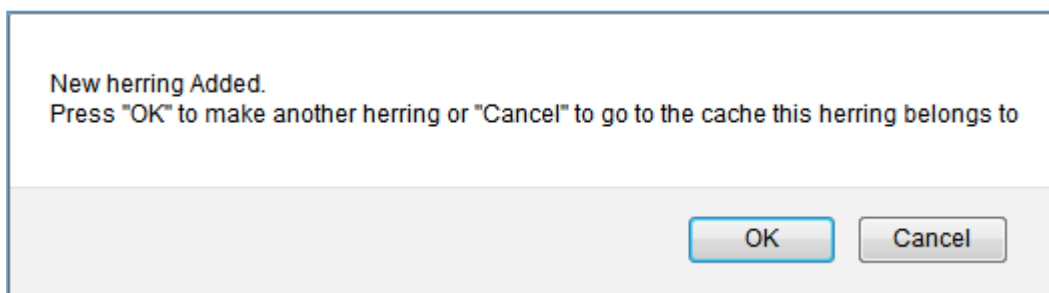
9. The ninth item in the edit bar is the YouTube button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to complete the address of the YouTube clip you want to insert:

To insert a YouTube clip: finish the address of the YouTube clip you want (enter the part after the "watch?v=", then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the YouTube clip to appear, then click on "Insert".

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When you are done click on save and it should say the following:

Click "OK" to make another herring, or click "Cancel" to go back to the cache modification page

Modify a Herring

The number of people who have fallen for this herring

The answer for this herring

(Part of) The message people see when they guess this herring

Delete the herring

Red Herrings

Actions	Hits	Answer	Message
Edit Delete	0	N00 0.000, E000 0.000	Tricked you! This is a red herring. Because this is a test ....

Add new herring

Add a new herring

Edit the herring

If you click "Edit" you will be taken to the herring modification page for the herring in that row:

Herring answer. It will be the same type (location, number or phrase) as the cache it belongs to

Answer: N00 00.000, E000 00.000

Edit bar

Message box

??? is a Red Herring

Tricked you! This is a red herring. Because this is a test cache, we can tell you the answer is S37 48.853, E144 57.790. Enjoy the site, and good luck with real puzzles!
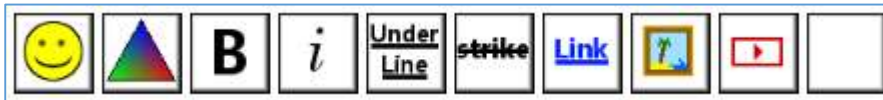
Cancel button (you will lose any information you have filled in if you click this)

Save button (this will stop your editing and save the herring)

Cancel

Save

Choose the Answer for this red herring.

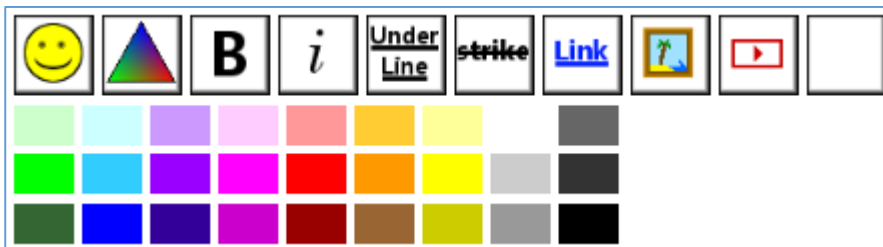Then choose the message people will see when they guess this red herring.

Edit Bar

1. The first button on the edit bar is to insert smilies. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for smilies:
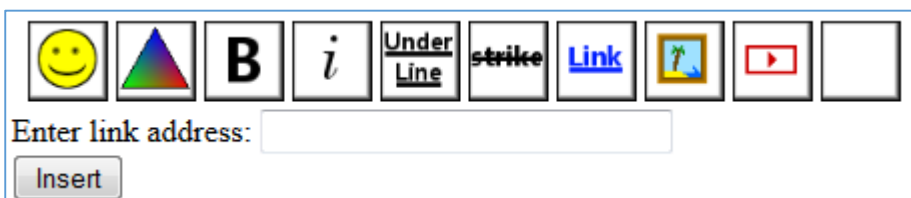
   To insert a smilie: have the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box just below the edit bar you are using, then click on the smilie you want.

2. The second item in the edit bar is the colour chooser. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it showing you all of the options for colours:
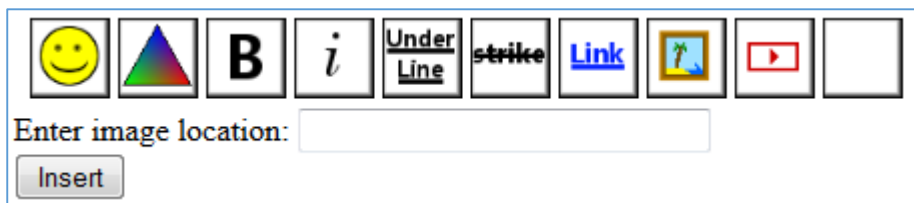
   To change the colour of some text: highlight the text you want to change the colour of, then click on the colour in the colour chooser bar that you want it to be.

3. The third item in the edit bar is the bold button. To make some text bold: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the bold button.
4. The fourth item in the edit bar is the italic button. To make some text italic: highlight the text you want to make bold then click the italic button.
5. The fifth item in the edit bar is the underline button. To underline some text: highlight the text you want to underline then click the underline button.
6. The sixth item in the edit bar is the strikethrough button. To strikethrough some text: highlight the text you want to strikethrough then click the strikethrough button.
7. The seventh item in the edit bar is the hyperlink button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the link you want to insert:
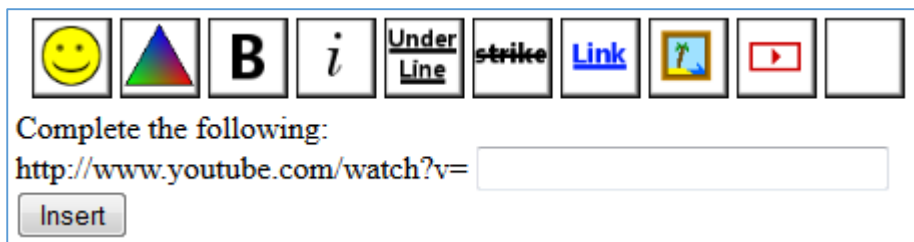
   Enter link address:

   Insert

   To insert a hyperlink: type the address you want the link to go to, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the link to appear, then click on "Insert".

8. The eighth item in the edit bar is the image button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to type in the location of the image you want to insert:

To insert an image: type the address of the image you want, then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the image to appear, then click on "Insert".
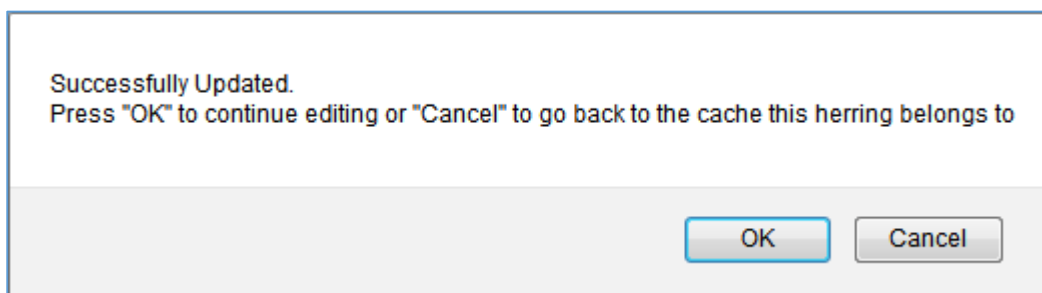
9. The ninth item in the edit bar is the YouTube button. When you click on it, a second bar will appear just beneath it allowing you to complete the address of the YouTube clip you want to insert:

To insert a YouTube clip: finish the address of the YouTube clip you want (enter the part after the "watch?v=", then put the cursor (flashing line) in the coloured box (just below the edit bar) where you want the YouTube clip to appear, then click on "Insert".

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