Ebay Search Tools Guide

Find a Specific Item

Step 1: Go to <u>ebay's site</u> and type your item into the search bar.



Note: you can choose to search in a specific category or in all categories. Your search results will show items from different categories that match your search.



Step 2: if you want to see which items have bids, you will need to click on the "Auction" button.



Step 3: Then you will need to sort by "number of bids: most first."



The item with the most number of bids is not necessarily the one getting the most money. You will have to look through all the items with bids to see which one is getting the most money.

Note: sometimes none of the items have bids. This might mean that the item is not worth anything right now. It could also mean that people have too high of starting bids.

See What Items in a Specific Category Are Getting

Now if you do not have a specific item that you want to sell, but you want to know what to look for when you are at resale shops and garage sales, then this is how you would find out.

Step 1: decide what type of items you are interested in selling. For example, I am interested in toys & hobbies, but specifically, board games.

Step 2: go to the category first instead of searching for a specific item in the search bar. There are 2 ways to do this.

Option 1: Choose the main category from the drop down list.



I am going to choose **Toys & Hobbies** because I know that board games will fall under this category. Once you have clicked on your category, you will click "search." You do not need to type anything in the search bar. You will notice that a list of sub categories appears on the left side of the page.



I am then going to choose "games." You will then notice that another set of sub categories appears that lists different types of games.



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I am then going to choose "board & traditional games." I could also choose whether I want to look at all board games or just those from a certain time period (vintage or contemporary). I want to look at all board games to see what is getting the most money. I will then use the search tools from before to sort by most bids in auctions. You can always sort out the games further by checking certain boxes on the left side of the page such as game type, theme, brand, etc.

Option 2: Click "Shop by category" and then click "See all categories."



This is the page that comes up with all the categories on it. You have to scroll through to find what you are looking for.



Note: I would only choose this method if you are not sure where the sub category you are looking for is located.