How Do You Find Stock Symbols?

Resources: Internet access

Lesson 2

Objectives: In this lesson, using the Internet you will learn and practice finding stock symbols by company, industry, and country. Stock symbols are necessary to find company information such as stock charts, news, and financial data on the Internet. More importantly, the contest accepts only stock symbols in order to trade.

Background: The stock symbol, a unique name assigned by **stock exchanges** worldwide, is used to identify a company's stock. Don't confuse the stock symbol with the abbreviated name usually found in the financial section of most newspapers. Here is a sample of the stock symbol for various corporations worldwide:

Company Name	Stock Symbol	Stock Market
Microsoft	MSFT	Nasdaq, US
Hewlett Packard	HWP	NYSE, US
General Electric	GE	NYSE, US
Citigroup	С	NYSE, US
MPhase Technologies	XDSL.OB	OTC, US
Fidelity Magellan	FMAGX	Mutual Funds, US
Bouygues	1250.PA	Paris
Siemens AG	723610.F	Frankfurt
Vodafone	VOD.L	London
Laidlaw	LDM.TO	Toronto
Telebras	TELB4.SA	Brazil
Telstra	TLS.AX	Australia
TelMex	TELMEXL.MX	Mexico
Golden Harvest	1132.HK	Hong Kong
Nintendo	7974	Japan

Activities:

1. Find the stock symbol of companies researched in Lesson 1 " How to Find a Stock " using Yahoo! Finance <u>http://finance.yahoo.com/</u> under **symbol lookup** or alphabetical listing.

Company Name	Symbol	Market
Agilent		US
Qwest Communications		US
McDonald's		US
Pixel		US
Coca-Cola		US
Disney		US
Gillette		US
American Express		US
Adobe		US

- 2. Find stock symbols by industry under **Research** in Yahoo! Finance <u>http://finance.yahoo.com/</u>.
- 3. For each industry, find the top three companies and their symbols. This is a warm up for Lesson 5 " How Do You Pick Winners?"

Industry: Internet software

Company Name	Symbol
#1	
#2	
#3	

Industry: Fiber Optics

Company Name	Symbol
#1	
#2	
#3	

Industry: Telecommunications Equipment

Company Name	Symbol
#1	
#2	
#3	

Industry: Telecommunications Wireless

Company Name	Symbol
#1	
#2	
#3	

Industry: Computer Network

Company Name	Symbol
#1	
#2	
#3	

Use Yahoo! Finance <u>http://finance.yahoo.com/</u> under **World Finance** to find the following stock symbols by country.

Country	Company Name	Symbol
Australia	News Corp	
Australia	Telstra Corp	
Canada	Dominion Bank	
Canada	Royal Bank of Canada	
France	PEUGEOT	
Germany	VOLKSWAGEN	
China	CHINA MOBILE	
Hong Kong	HUTCHISON	
Japan	Sony (6758)	
Mexico	Telefonos de Mexico	
Singapore	DBS LAND LTD	
United Kingdom	BRITISH AIRWAYS	