Context Sensitive Help

This lesson focuses on using JAWS Context Sensitive Help to learn about various controls and windows you may encounter. Context Sensitive Help means that the information JAWS provides will be specific to the situation you are in, such as a word document or edit box on the Internet. JAWS help is a great way to figure out new situations, or as a reminder how to work with a control you haven’t encountered in a while.

To access JAWS Context Sensitive Help, press JAWS key F1. A virtual window will then come up with information you can access using the standard navigation commands. To exit this window, press escape.

Try it now. Press JAWS key + F1, and you will be taken to a window that tells you about the document window. When you’re finished reading that, press escape. Go ahead. I’ll wait.

Pretty sweet, huh?

1. Bring up the font dialog by pressing control d. Use context sensitive help to answer the following questions. Remember that you have to press escape to exit the help message.

A. How does JAWS say to move through the font options?

B. What two methods does JAWS say can be used to switch between tabs?

C. What hot key combination can you use to select underline?

D. What hot key combination will select the small caps option?

1. Open your favorite web browser and navigate to Google’s home page: www.google.com. Once the page loads, move around to different links and boxes on the page and press JAWS key + F1 on them to see what information is provided. Use the information to answer the following questions.
2. How does JAWS say to activate a link?
3. How many links are on this page?
4. What command can you use to create a custom label on a web page?
5. Finally, go to ww.amazon.com. Answer the following questions.

A. Move to the “search in” combo box. What does JAWS tell you about the combo box and how to use it?

B. Press t to move to the next table on this page. How does JAWS Help say you can go to a specific cell in a table?

4. How can jaws key-F1 be useful for you in your work with the computer?