METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING A SUBJECT

The electronic device (20) includes a visual display (22) and a keyboard (24) for data entry. The visual display (22) may display various items stored in a memory (26). Buttons (24) may be used to select one of the subjects or classes of subjects listed on the display (22). Once the user selects a subject, a pictorial representation of the selected subject may be displayed.
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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