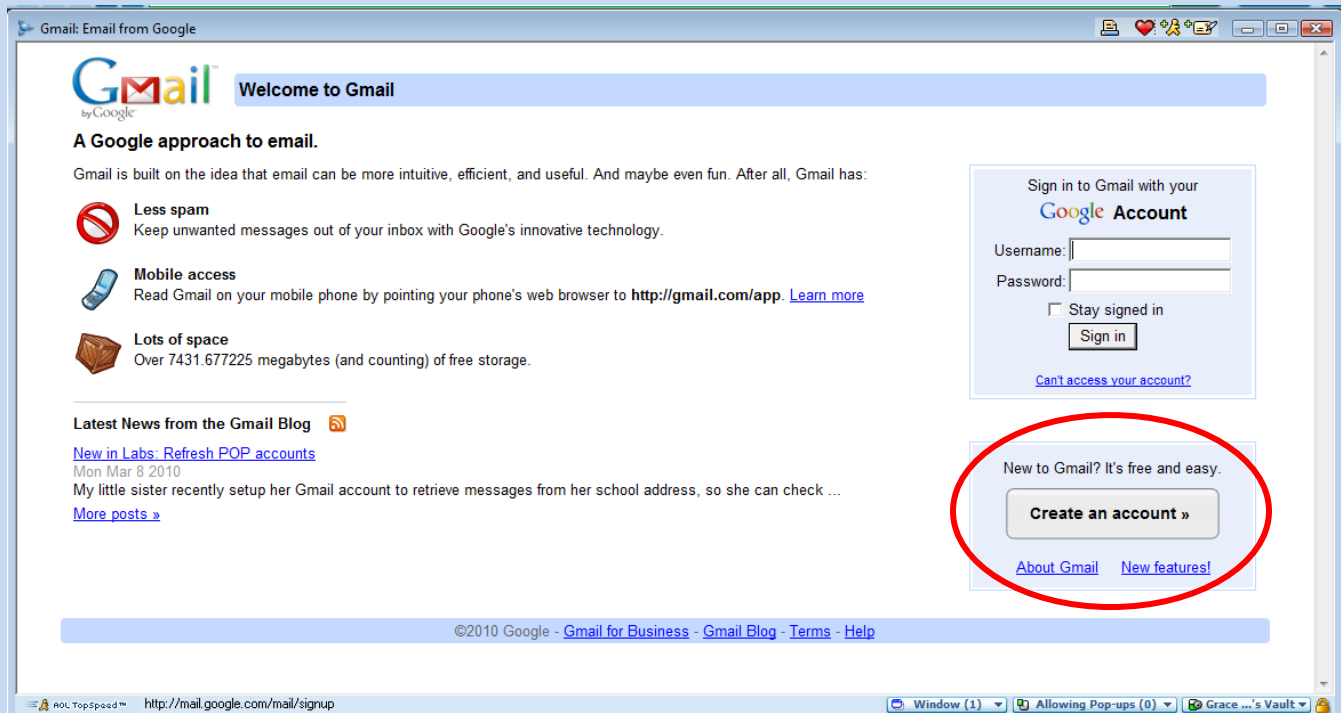


SETTING UP **GOOGLE E-MAIL** ... or **GMAIL**

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- Your access to many **FREE** Google applications (Google Docs, Groups, Spreadsheets, Forms, Web sites, Analytics, Presentations and more) **begins with a FREE gmail account.**
- Gmail blocks spam, allows you to search your mail instantly, organizes replies into conversations (way cool feature), has lots of space (7+ GB), uses *always-on https encryption* for security and, oh yes, it's **FREE**.
- Visit mail.google.com to begin.



The screenshot shows a browser window titled "Gmail: Email from Google". The page content includes the Gmail logo, a "Welcome to Gmail" header, and a section titled "A Google approach to email." This section lists three benefits: "Less spam" (Keep unwanted messages out of your inbox with Google's innovative technology.), "Mobile access" (Read Gmail on your mobile phone by pointing your phone's web browser to <http://gmail.com/app>. [Learn more](#)), and "Lots of space" (Over 7431.677225 megabytes (and counting) of free storage.). Below this is a "Latest News from the Gmail Blog" section with a link to "New in Labs: Refresh POP accounts" dated "Mon Mar 8 2010" and a snippet of text: "My little sister recently setup her Gmail account to retrieve messages from her school address, so she can check ... [More posts »](#)".

On the right side of the page, there is a "Sign in to Gmail with your Google Account" form with fields for "Username:" and "Password:", a "Stay signed in" checkbox, and a "Sign in" button. Below the form is a link: "[Can't access your account?](#)".

At the bottom right, there is a red circle highlighting a section for new users: "New to Gmail? It's free and easy." with a prominent "Create an account »" button. Below this are links for "[About Gmail](#)" and "[New features!](#)".

The footer of the page contains the copyright notice: "©2010 Google - [Gmail for Business](#) - [Gmail Blog](#) - [Terms](#) - [Help](#)".

The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://mail.google.com/mail/signup>. The taskbar at the bottom shows the user "Grace ...'s Vault" and several open windows.