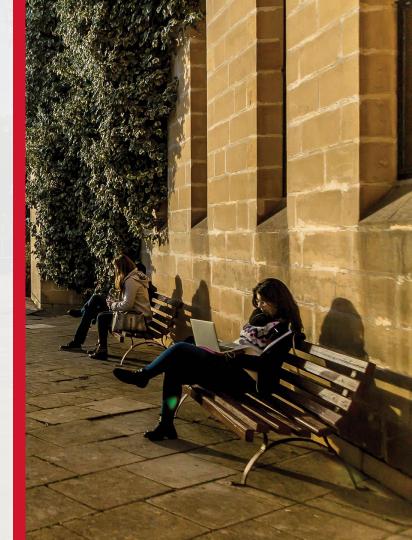
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- You are surrounded by information, but how can you know if the information that you have found is reliable?
- Learn to evaluate the quality of information that you can find on the web, in the books, magazines and television.
- Do not believe in everything you read, try to find and compare different information resources.



Check the author

- Is the author real?
- Does he/she have knowledge about the subject?
- What are their credentials (education, affiliation, experience, etc.)?
- Who is the author, publisher, sponsor of the information?
- Are there any contact details to author or the publisher?

Check the date

- How recent is this information?
- When was it published?
- Has it been revised or updated?
- Are the links functional/broken?



Consider the source

- Investigate the website, it's mission statement and contact info.
- Is this a primary, secondary or tertiary source of information?
- What is the reason for this information to exists? (Teach, sell, entertain...)

Check the bibliography

- Is author citing any sources?
- Is a bibliography provided citing the sources used?
- Are these sources credible?



Read beyond

- Do not focus on headlines and titles, read the whole story.
- Look for other articles on similar subject.
- Are there another reliable source that could verify this information?

Think

- Is it a fact, fiction or an opinion?
- Does the author endorse political or religious views that could affect objectivity?
- Are alternative views presented and addressed?
- Does the author's language show signs of bias?
- Are there spelling or grammar mistakes in the writing?



Check the URL

- Does the information come from a school, business, or company website?
- Educational institution (.edu)
- Government agency (.gov)
- Commercial supplier (.com) Non-profit organization (.org)

Fake news websites often look exactly like websites of real news agencies.

Check url: Real: abcnews.go.com Fake: abcnews.com.co



 Goose Thinking Of Migrating Home A Couple Weeks Early To Avoid The Crowds

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 Associations between body composition and helminths of lesser snow geese during winter and spring migration

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