

Top tips to spot #Fakenews online.

Here are some tips and tricks to help young people think critically and spot misinformation, disinformation and malformation online.

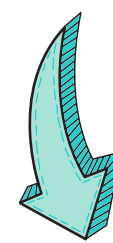


CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info



READ BEYOND Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



SUPPORTING

SOURCES? Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



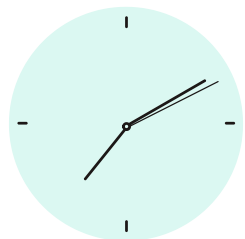
CHECK THE AUTHOR Do a quick search on the author. *Are they credible? Are they real?*

IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK THE DATE... Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



CHECK YOUR BIASES Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, trusted adult or consult a fact-checking site.

Hint

What if someone is sharing fake news on my feed?

Call it out! Let them know that what they have shared is untrue. Screenshot, report and block on the platform.

ySafe's Online Safety Hub has information about how to do this on different online platforms. The platform can take down content that is untrue, misleading & cause harm.