

FACT or FICTION?

Don't be duped by misinformation on the internet! Use Freddie's 10 tips to "ferret" out fake news.

- 1 Read beyond the headline.
 What's the whole story? Be wary of clickbait!
- 2 Consider the source.
 Is it objective, impartial, unbiased?
- 3 Check the author(s).
 Are they real? What makes them experts?
- 4 Check the date.
 When was the information published?
 Has it been revised or updated?
- 5 Check the links.

 Are they working? Too many broken links should raise a red flag.
- 6 Check the comments.

 Many call out the article for being fake or misleading.
- Who or what is being quoted?
 Is the source real? Is it credible?
- 8 Ask: "Is this a joke?"
 Satirical articles are not reliable sources for research.
- 9 Ask: "Are my own beliefs affecting my judgment?"
 Be aware of confirmation bias.
- Conduct a reverse image search.

 A photo used in multiple stories may not be trustworthy.

Ask your librarian for more information.



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