

The Digital Literacy Series: Fake News

Can You Avoid Falling For Fake News?

Comprehension Questions

Watch the video carefully, and complete the comprehension questions and activities.

1. Fake news websites can give themselves away by the language they use. What clues should you look for?

2. Fake news websites can also give themselves away by their appearance. What clues can you look for in the way the website is designed?

3. A journalist's credentials do not need to be checked; if someone has written an article, then he or she is a professional journalist.

True

False

4. Which of these domain extensions is most likely to contain fake news content?

a) .gov

b) .edu

c) .co

d) .org

5. Name three things you can do to verify that the events described in a story actually occurred.

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6. It is easier to analyze the accuracy of stories shared via social media rather than articles read directly from their original site.

True

False

7. When reading an article on social media, think about whether it is a _____ - hand account of the event or whether it is seen through the eyes of someone _____ from the incident.
8. You should always ask yourself what idea or opinion the article is trying to persuade you to believe.

TrueFalse
9. If there is an alternate viewpoint on an issue that is completely ignored by an article, the article is likely to be:

- a) official.
 - b) biased.
 - c) unbiased.
 - d) all of the above.
10. What kinds of questions should you ask if you are making the effort to think carefully and examine why an article was written?
