

CAN YOU SPOT FAKE NEWS?



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

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

READ BEYOND

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



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the information given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

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

IS IT A JOKE?

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



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgment.

ASK THE EXPERTS

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



BECAUSE FAKE NEWS CAN HAVE REAL-WORLD CONSEQUENCES.

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