

Is this website CREDIBLE?

8 questions to ask when checking a website's credibility

WHO'S THE SOURCE?



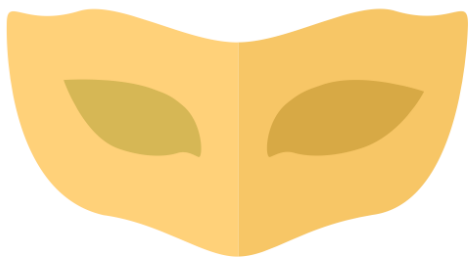
Check who wrote the information. Do they have experience in the area they're writing about? What else have they written?

HOW'S IT END?

.org .edu
.gov .com

Websites that end in .org, .net, .edu & .gov are USUALLY verifiable. You still need to check other methods of credibility just to make sure.

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?



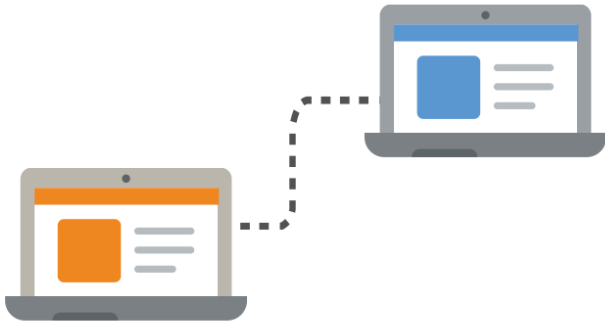
Is the author or website trying to persuade, inform, entertain or sell? Look for emotional language & hidden bias.

ARE THERE ERRORS?



Credible authors will usually check their work for grammar errors and to make sure the information makes sense.

ARE SOURCES CITED?



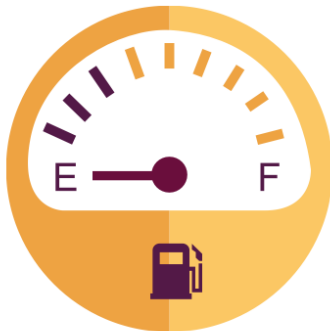
There might be hyperlinks within the information or sources listed at the bottom, if not (or if it's linked to a Wiki), it's best to stay away.

HAS IT BEEN LIKED?



If an article that has been shared, liked or tweeted a lot, there's a good chance it's credible. Just make sure you ask more questions.

IS SOMETHING MISSING?



If you notice major pieces of information is missing from a piece, they may be missing because the article isn't a good source.

CAN'T FOCUS?



Not always the case, but a well-designed website could mean reliable information. If the graphics, fonts, and style are distracting, stay away.

CONCLUSION

There are many other ways to look to see if a site is credible. Start by using sources like news-sites, encyclopedias, and library databases. If you can only find 1 or 2 websites or articles about a topic, they probably aren't going to be credible. It's better to be safe than sorry.

SOURCES:

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