

Spotting FAKE news

Things aren't always what they seem. The internet and social media are full of a mixture of facts and opinions. Some of which can be misleading and harmful to individuals or communities. We've put together some top tips to spot fake news.

CHECK THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to look at the site and its contact information. Have you heard of them before? Do you recognise the URL or website? Is the source verified? If no to any of these, this information is most likely unreliable.

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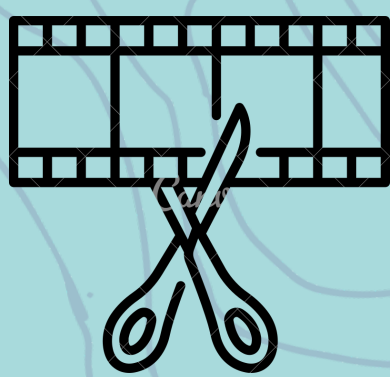
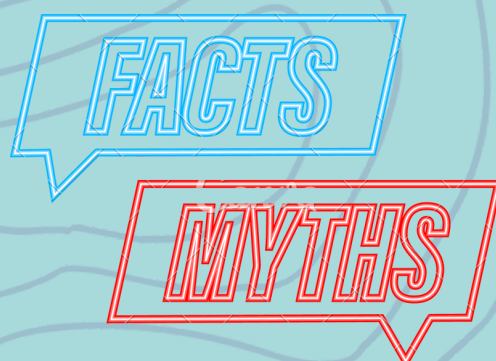
READ BEYOND THE HEADLINE

These don't always share the full story. Read the full story to the end and remember to check the dates- they could repost an old story that isn't relevant to current events.

CHECK THE FACTS

Does it sound unbelievable or too good to be true? Then it most likely is! If it is too bizarre it may even be a joke. (Check the site and author to be sure.) Check the facts with an official source: [Full Fact](#) or [GOV.UK](#)

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DOES THE IMAGE OR VIDEO LOOK EDITED?

Check to see if the photo matches what the article is saying. You can also reverse image search to determine the source of the image.

LOOK OUT FOR ERRORS

Bad spelling, grammar mistakes and typos are clues that information could be false. Official news and guidance will always be carefully checked.

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