

# Spotting False News: Elementary

Stop! Before believing what you see on the news or on social media, go through these steps to spot what information is truly fake or real.

**What is the source?**



**Investigate the original source.**

Check out their mission and look at other content on their page.

Google the authors. When was the information published?

**Check your biases**



Considered if your own beliefs could affect your judgment.

**How does the message make you feel?**

**Is this a joke?**



**How does the site or video try to attract my attention?** Can you verify what the authors are saying?

**Do more research!**



**Is there anyone else talking about this information?** Talk to a trusted adult; like your parents, teachers, or a librarian. Do additional research.