

HOW TO IDENTIFY IF THE NEWS YOU ARE READING IS FAKE OR REAL?

Nowadays, people are facing many problems regarding fake news. Many things that we share on social media can be false. There are many hints given by specialists to help you detect if a piece of news is fake or real and this exercise is very important in order not to spread lies:

1. Check the website where you are reading it. Normally, fake news comes from unfamiliar websites.
2. Double check the URL. If it doesn't match the news outlet, it can be a sign that it is not real.
3. When you read an article and notice that the headline doesn't match the topic of the text, it is probably fake.
4. When there are many problems of spelling or grammar, it shows that no review was made. So, be careful and check the source of it.
5. The date of the news can help you a lot. Check if it has a current one.
6. Check if the text has an author so that you can investigate him or her.
7. Check if the text has any links that can connect what you are reading to other sources.
8. Do the photos in the article look photoshopped or unrealistic? Try to drag and drop them into Google Images so it can help you find the real source of it.
9. Check the source of the site you are reading to other famous ones and see if the contents are similar.
10. Check the "About Us" section. On the top or bottom of the website there should be a section called "About Us." This section outlines the purpose of the website. Does the organization have an authoritative team of journalists or writers? Or do they invite members of the general public to contribute? Reading about the host of the website will help you determine if it is a reliable source.

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