

Reliable News Checklist

Title of the Article	
What is your FIRST thought, before researching?	
What is the web address or URL? Does it end with a common ending? .gov .net .com .org	
Who wrote the article? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for the author. • Look for other articles by same author. 	
What is it the article trying to do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuade • Inform • Entertain, Surprise • Sell 	
When was it written? Does it matter to the subject?	
What is the source or the name of the website? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it a well-known news source? Check the ABOUT section! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you find out anything about the source without registering? 	
How does the website look? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banner Ads, Pop-ups?, Links to tempting stories, Headlines in ALL CAPS, Spelling errors, Lots of punctuation????? 	
Check your emotional reaction. How do you feel? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you hope that it is true? • Does it upset you? 	
Does the same information show up on any other news sites? Where?	
Is factual information cited? studies done with names and dates	
Fact Checking site: Snopes.com or factcheck.org	
Do an image search to see if you can find the same image somewhere else. If so, is the picture tied to an identical story or a different story?	
Your decision: True or False (or maybe partially true)	
If not true, think about the impact of sharing the article without fact checking. What could consequences be?	