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5 Fact-checking Tips

At a time when false news spreads quickly, checking your facts is essential. Below are some tips that may help you navigate your way to determine what is true or not.

1 Choose your sources wisely.

Some types of sources are better than others. Search out those that thoroughly review information before publishing. Try to track down primary or authoritative voices, like scholarly journals or government databases, rather than second-hand reports.

2 Proceed with caution.

Be sceptical of superlatives, generalisations, and anything that seems true. Consider the author's motivation. Check whether the source has a neutral point of view, or if there is an agenda behind the information.

3 Trust Expertise.

When in doubt about a source, check the author's qualifications. Determine how well he or she knows the subject.

4 Expand Your search.

Don't settle for a single source if you can find two or more. Look for consensus, but be wary of echo chambers. Cast a wide net. In addition to simple web searches, try databases like Google Books.

5 Understand The context.

Few facts exist outside of a broader narrative. Read around the fact to see how it fits into the big picture.

