

**There is an Article Online, but How Trustworthy is it?**

Sometimes, blogs, articles, videos and social media messages are not always trustworthy. Surfing the Internet is normal, and you may have to do it for homework or projects, but how do you know whether the site is trustworthy, and providing information that is correct?

Firstly, you must look at the URL of the site/blog/website, and it must be formal. Sites such as 'http://www.bbc.co.uk/1/player/episode/b00f2dfv' are trustworthy, for the URL looks formal without mistakes, and any websites with http will most likely be slightly more reliable, and this one leads to BBC Iplayer. Websites that have informal and mistaken URLs, such as 'hppt/mincraft/latest'.

# Online Safety Day!

**CHECKLIST**

- ★ LOOK AT WHO SENT IT: DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON? HAVE YOU EVER MET THEM BEFORE?
- IN REAL LIFE?
- ★ IS WHAT THEY'VE SENT YOU RELIABLE? DOES IT SEEM GENUINE?
- ★ WHAT IS THE MOTIVE OF THE MESSAGE? MIGHT IT BE THAT THEY WANT TO GET YOUR MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION?
- ★ IS IT FACT OR OPINION? IS IT FACT, IT COULD BE USEFUL, BUT THERE CAN'T BE MUCH USE IN AN OPINION REALLY.

**IF A WEBSITE IS ORIGINAL**

- It may be trying to sell something to you.
- It might not be telling you the whole truth.
- It may also be telling you the truth not an opinion to sell the object and get good reputation.

**IF A WEBSITE IS NOT ORIGINAL**

- It may look very convincing and use the same symbols as the website does.
- It may use opinion not fact though so you have to be very careful.

**The Web Detectives**  
What can you trust online?

**Max - The Web Detective**  
Hi I'm Max and I'm here to help.

**STOP!**

Does this look like a trustworthy site? If you see lots of errors and spelling mistakes the site may not be trustworthy.

**Ask a grown up**  
If you are in any doubt you can always ask a parent or a teacher.

**The Web Detectives Guide**  
Not everything you see on the internet is true... so how do you know what is trustworthy and reliable?

Firmly, is it a reliable source? Look at who created the information and whether they are recognised and have a good reputation eg BBC or Microsoft. Next check if the information is up to date.

Another clue is if the website is high quality, are there spelling mistakes and do the images look real? Look at whether the language is fact or opinion? Can you verify it?

- 1 RECOGNISED**  
Use a recognised, reputable source for information like the BBC.
- 2 VERIFY**  
Find other online sources that confirm information.
- 3 CHECK**  
Check information is accurate in a book or with a grown up.

**Checklist for judging if an online message is trustworthy.**

- ✓ Make sure the website something an adult has told you can trust, such as the BBC .gov or
- ✓ Make sure the message is from someone you know?
- ✓ Check details like the date and spelling, if its old or incorrect it is unlikely to be safe.
- ✓ Just because something says it is official does not mean it is.
- ✓ Check what the motive is behind the message – do they want you to do something or get information?
- ✓ If the site has lots of pop ups then it's unlikely to be trustworthy.
- ✗ Click on a pop up without checking first.
- ✗ Putting in personal details.

Keep this checklist close to you and you will be safe online.



- Any Spelling mistakes?
- Do you know this person?
- Does this persons email address look correct?
- WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU ACCEPT IT?
- What do they want?
- Does it look believable?
- What is their possible motive?
- Are there any clues that help you question the trustworthiness?
- Are there any grammar mistakes?

Does the link or email address look right?

Are there any spelling mistakes?

What would the sender get?

Would they know what your password is?

Do you know the person who you got the message from?

This is a mispelt word. It might be a bit more reliable because it is actually being chosen to spell.

Even though this says it is official it doesn't mean it is really official.

This is just trying to make you get the game and the game might turn out to be really bad.

You can never ask a book by its...

These reviews have all said that this game is bad which makes it more reliable.

If you pressed this button it could take you to any website.

This is another review but it is not so reliable because not everyone has said the same thing.

You might want to look at the other ratings as it might show you if this good or bad.

Drag the messages on the left to where you think they sit on the diamond nine.

I think these are fairly trustworthy as one is from your mum telling you to remember mother's day and the other needs some permission and you don't HAVE to accept.

I am not sure about these because we don't know who they are.

These are not very trustworthy because firstly, it says it is not a joke and it also says you are the 1,000,000 visitor which is quite unlikely.

This person is your BFF so this probably means it is trustworthy and also it looks like a reliable link.

App permissions

CONGRATULATIONS! You are the 1,000,000 visitor! Click here to claim your prize.

It has lots of spelling mistakes but says it is official. I think it is fake and it wants your password.

**Year 5**

We learnt all about how to decide if online sources and messages are trustworthy. We also thought about how to be respectful online, who we should tell if we feel worried about something and what the rules are for sharing images.