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5 Fact-Checking Tips from Britannica

01. Choose Sources Wisely

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



02. Proceed with Caution

Question generalisations and anything that seems too good to be true. Think about the author's motivation, why have they created this? Does the source have a neutral point of view?



03. Trust Expertise

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



04. Expand Your Search

Don't settle for a single source, find two or more sources and look for a consensus. Search far and wide from simple web searches to databases and Google Books.



05. Understand Context

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



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