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Fighting Fake News

Pop Quiz

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Does this show strong evidence of conditions near Fukushima?
Explain.

What is fake news?

Quick Write:

Why do people make fake news?

How to detect fake news:

Why do people share fake news?

Critical Questions for Spotting Fake News

Ask the following questions to check news stories for fake or misleading information. The more red flags you find in a story, the less you should trust the information.

Heading/Photo Check

1. Does the headline include ALL CAPS, excessive punctuation (!!), or sensational language? Yes | No
2. Does the lead image seem altered or out of place? Yes | No

URL/Domain Check

3. Is the URL recognizable, not ending in .co or some other strategic variation (i.e., *abcnews.com.co*)? Yes | No

Content Check

4. Do the details in the story confirm the headline's claim? Yes | No
5. Is anyone quoted in the story? Are the sources quoted qualified to speak on the topic? Yes | No
6. Is the language in the story inflammatory or completely one-sided? Yes | No
7. Do other news sources verify the information reported in the story? Yes | No

Source Check

8. Is the source of the story well known? Yes | No
9. Does the story include a byline? Yes | No
10. Does the source's Web site contain an "About Us" page? Does the "About Us" page share newsgathering credentials? Yes | No
11. If you discovered the story on a social site, are commenters saying it's false? Yes | No

Gut Check

12. Does something about the site seem suspicious (clickbait-y headlines, poor design, multiple stories attacking one person, etc.)? Yes | No
13. Does your gut say the story is false? Yes | No