

## CHECKING THE RELIABILITY OF ONLINE CONTENT

Checking if a website is real or fake can be tricky, but you can help your child do it!



Here are my top 10 suggestions



### Look at the website address:

Check the website's address (URL). Watch out for misspelt words or strange things in the address.



### Check for https:// and :

Genuine websites start with https:// and have a padlock symbol. It means the site is safe and secure.



### See how the website looks:

Genuine websites look well-organised and professional. If a website looks unprofessional or messy, it might be fake.





#### **Check the writing:**

**Real websites feature text without mistakes. If the text is badly written or has errors, it might be fake.**



#### **Find contact information:**

**Genuine websites have ways to contact the organisation, e.g. an email address or phone number. If there is no contact info, be careful!**



#### **Check on social media:**

**You can find most real websites on social media. Look for their pages on Facebook, Instagram or X.**



#### **Check the information on other sites:**

**Search for the same information on other trusted websites. If it matches, it is likely to be real.**



#### **Check for reviews:**

**Look for reviews about the organisation from others. If there are no reviews or they look made up, be careful.**



#### **Be careful with pop-ups and pushy language:**

**Many fake websites may have annoying pop-up ads and use words to push you into things. Real sites are more respectful.**



#### **Shop safely:**

**When shopping online, use well-known websites or official brand sites. Avoid strange deals that seem too good to be true.**

**Remember, if a website seems strange or doesn't feel right, take your time and check before you trust it. It's like being a detective to keep safe online!**