Don’t be duped by misinformation on the internet!
Use Freddie’s 10 tips to “ferret” out fake news.

FACT or FICTION?

1. **Read beyond the headline.**
   What’s the whole story? Be wary of clickbait!

2. **Consider the source.**
   Is it objective, impartial, unbiased?

3. **Check the author(s).**
   Are they real? What makes them experts?

4. **Check the date.**
   When was the information published?
   Has it been revised or updated?

5. **Check the links.**
   Are they working? Too many broken links should raise a red flag.

6. **Check the comments.**
   Many call out the article for being fake or misleading.

7. **Evaluate supporting quotes.**
   Who or what is being quoted?
   Is the source real? Is it credible?

8. **Ask: “Is this a joke?”**
   Satirical articles are not reliable sources for research.

9. **Ask: “Are my own beliefs affecting my judgment?”**
   Be aware of confirmation bias.

10. **Conduct a reverse image search.**
    A photo used in multiple stories may not be trustworthy.

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