

## **FACT or FICTION?**

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

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.

## Ask your librarian for more information.

