

Source Criticism (1/2)

Who can put stuff on the Internet?

Anyone can! This is great because now it's easy to find out about just about anything. But you have to be careful. Just like in real life, people on the internet can make mistakes and tell lies. Sometimes on the Internet it's even harder to know if someone is telling lies because you can't see them.

Think about it!
How can you tell if someone's telling lies in real life?

How do I know if what I see on the Internet is true?

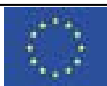
There are a few ways of checking.

- Find out who owns the web site. Do they have a good reputation? If you're not sure, ask your teacher.
- Compare what you see on the Internet with information from other places, like books and magazines.
- Compare what you see on the Internet with what you already know.
- Look for a date on the website. If the website is very old, the information might be out of date.

Are there Ads on the Internet?

Yes! There are lots and lots of ads on the Internet – just like on TV. But on the Internet, they can pop up anywhere. When you're reading something it's important to know if someone's trying to sell you something.

Think about it!
How can you tell if something you're reading is an ad?



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Is it OK to copy things from the Internet?

If you want to copy something exactly from the Internet and use it in a project or on your own website you should to do a couple of things:

- Ask permission from the owner of the website if it's OK to copy their stuff. This is only fair since it's their work.
- When you copy the stuff into your own project or website, always say where you got it from. Again, this is only fair. Otherwise, it's like robbing the work they did.

Think about it!

How would you feel if someone copied all your homework without telling you?

Why do some sites ask me for personal details?

Some websites collect information about people so they know what kind of ads to show them. Then they sell this information to other sites. That's why sometimes you get emails from sites you never visited. This is called spam and in Europe it's against the law.

Think about it!

Do you mind websites selling your name to each other?

How do I know what a web site will do with my personal details?

Good web sites will have a "Privacy Policy". This tells you exactly what they're going to do with your name, email, or any other information you give them. But as a rule you should never give any personal details over the Internet without checking with an adult first.

