

Checking a Source

8th Grade

Four questions that catch most misinformation in under a minute.

You do not need expertise to check a claim. You need a habit.

1

WHO MADE IT?

A named author or organisation with something to lose if wrong?

2

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?

Does it link to a source, or just assert?

3

WHO BENEFITS?

Is something being sold, or a side being pushed?

4

WHAT DO OTHERS SAY?

Open a new tab. If nobody else reports it, be suspicious.

Strong emotion is the signal to slow down. Content designed to be shared is designed to make you feel something first.