



# An internet we trust

Exploring reliability in the online world



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## Quiz

This quiz is designed for 8-13 year olds,  
but can be played by anyone!

For each question choose **one** answer:

1

**You're watching a livestream of a popular gamer. They keep showing a cool new headset they've got and talking about how everyone should have one. They post a link in the chat where you can buy it too. What do you do?**

- A Trust the gamer's advice – they're an expert after all and click on the link to buy it.
- B Do some research and read some reviews to see how other people rate the headset, before buying it.
- C Stick with the headset you already own for now – it works fine, and you'd rather take your time instead of rushing into a new purchase.



2

**You see a news headline online about two of your favourite internet stars having a 'feud' and falling out after recently working together. What do you do?**

- A Click on the article to find out more and check a couple of other places to see if they're reporting the same thing.
- B Click on the article to see what it says, then share the link with your friends.
- C Message your friends immediately – this is big news!



3

**You watch a funny prank video where a man has tricked his partner into thinking he's chopped off his finger and decide to share it with your cousin, who replies, "Haha – they're good actors but this is definitely fake!" What do you do?**

- A Scroll through the comments to see whether other people think the prank was faked and watch some of their other videos to see if you can find any other clues the prank might be faked.
- B Message your cousin saying they're wrong – what would be the point in faking a prank video?
- C Report the video – they shouldn't be allowed to post fake pranks!



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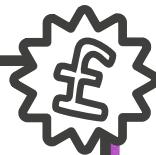
**There's an exciting new dance trend that's gone viral and everyone is trying it out. You're supposed to post the video of your first attempt, but when you watch yours back it doesn't look as good as the others you have seen. What do you do?**

- A Keep practising off camera and post a video when you've got better, pretending it's your first go.
- B Post your first attempt with a laughing emoji, then keep practising and post another one when you've improved.
- C Comment on all the other videos accusing them of lying about it being their first attempts and make sure everyone knows that the trend can't be trusted.



5

**You receive a direct message from a close friend with a picture of some designer sunglasses that say 50% off and a long link to a website you don't recognise. What do you do?**



- A Click on the link – your friend would only send you something they think you might be interested in.
- B Send the link to someone else to see if they think the offer is real or not.
- C Contact the friend who sent you the message another way and ask them if they sent it and where the link goes.

6

**A friend from school sends you a message. It tells a creepy story and then says that if you don't send it on to five people in the next 5 minutes then something terrible will happen. What do you do?**

- A Speak to an adult about what the message said and then delete it, without sharing it on.
- B Send an angry message to your friend about sending annoying messages.
- C Send a message to five of your friends, telling them not to read the next message and then forward the creepy story to them so nothing terrible happens.



7

**You've been chatting with an online friend for several months after you met on a fan page for a band you both like. They've just announced a concert coming up and you're desperate to go. Your friend messages asking if you want to go together – they'll even pay for your ticket! What do you do?**



- A Agree to go with them! You've been chatting for ages and it's nice to have a friend who likes the same things as you.
- B Speak to your parents, a teacher or another adult you trust about what your friend has offered.
- C Send them your phone number so you can speak about the plan more before deciding.

8

**One of your favourite YouTubers is hosting a giveaway and you really want to enter. What do you do?**

- A Check the instructions carefully and weigh up whether what you have to do to enter is worth the possibility of winning the prize.
- B Follow the instructions straightaway to give you the best chance of winning.
- C Ignore it – you never win anything anyway!



9

An older family member shares a news article they found online – you have a read and quickly spot that some of the photos included in the article are from a different event than they say they are. What do you do?

- A Tell your whole family that the article is fake and have a laugh at how stupid your relative has been.
- B Say nothing – they're older than you, so it's not your place to criticise them.
- C Send the family member a private message or speak to them in person and let them know your concerns.



10

You watch a documentary online that all your friends have been talking about, but aren't sure whether it's true. It seems to be based on rumours and a lot of it has been quite exaggerated. What do you do?

- A Spend hours researching and reading about it online to try and get to the bottom of what's going on.
- B Accept that even some 'factual' shows may not be completely reliable as they are often produced for entertainment as well, but enjoy the show anyway.
- C Believe it – even if it is just rumour, it's much more fun and exciting if you pretend it's true.



Now check the answer sheet and see how you got on!



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# Answers

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Stick with the headset you already own for now – it works fine, and you'd rather take your time instead of rushing into a new purchase.

*Remember that popular gamers, YouTubers and other content creators can be paid for advertising products online. Look out for #AD or other clues that may tell you if they've been paid to promote something, and remember that they may share 'affiliate links' – where they get paid for every person who clicks on them. It's always best to do your own research before making any purchases and take time to decide if it's really something you want to spend your money on.*

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Click on the article to find out more and check a couple of other places to see if they're reporting the same thing.

*Remember that headlines online are designed to get our attention and will often do this by being very dramatic or maybe even making things up. If you're going to share something on, it's important to check it's accurate first. Don't make up your mind on a headline alone – it could be clickbait, and always check in a few different places to see if they're all saying the same thing. If you're still unsure, you can always ask an adult for help.*

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Scroll through the comments to see whether other people think the prank was faked and watch some of their other videos to see if you can find any other clues the prank might be faked.

*It can be really hard to tell whether some videos are real or fake. Often you can find out what other people think by checking the comments, or look for clues in other things posted by the same person. If the video is for entertainment and isn't hurting or upsetting anyone, it might not matter if it's not entirely true. Just like your favourite films, cartoons or TV shows, the most important thing is that you can have a good time watching it!*

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Post your first attempt with a laughing emoji, then keep practising and post another one when you've improved.

*Posting videos online can be a fun way to share a special talent or skill but remember that these often require a lot of practise or training which you don't always see. Being open about the hard work it's taken to achieve something can help other people who might be watching. Always think carefully before calling out other people online and try to remain respectful – making someone else feel bad won't make you feel any better.*





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- C Contact the friend who sent you the message another way and ask them if they sent it and where the link goes.

*Generally, things sent to you by friends, family and other people you trust are more likely to be safe but in this case the message does sound suspicious. Remember that if you don't know where a link goes, or why it's been sent, it's always safest not to click on it – and never forward it to anyone else. Instead, check directly with the person who sent it and speak to an adult for more help and advice.*

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- A Speak to an adult about what the message said and then delete it, without sharing it on.

*Messages like this which tell you to share something on to other people are sometimes called 'chain messages'. They may threaten bad things, or promise good things, but they are always made up. The best thing to do is speak to an adult if the contents of a chain message is upsetting and then delete it so nobody else must worry about it. You could even message anyone who sends them to you, to let them know it's fake as well.*

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- B Speak to your parents, a teacher or another adult you trust about what your friend has offered.

*Unfortunately, not everyone online is who they say they are and even if you've been chatting with an online friend for a while, this isn't a guarantee you can trust them. It's important to speak to an adult you know and trust if anyone online asks for your personal information or to meet up with you. They can give you more support and advice to help you stay safe.*

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- A Check the instructions carefully and weigh up whether what you have to do to enter is worth the possibility of winning the prize.

*Giveaways are a popular way for YouTubers, influencers and other content creators to engage their audiences and reach new people. Sometimes they are done in partnership with other companies, or they may provide the prize themselves. If you're certain a giveaway is real, you've weighed up whether it's worthwhile to enter and you've asked an adult, entering giveaways can be a fun way to show your support. You may not win – but remember, somebody has to!*





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**C** Send the family member a private message or speak to them in person and let them know your concerns.

*Sometimes online news may include photos that have been edited or put with the wrong story to mislead readers into thinking that something that didn't happen, did. If you spot fake news like this being shared, it's important to do something – but calling people out publicly or laughing at their expense can be hurtful. It's always best to speak to them privately and politely. If possible, find some evidence to support what you're saying, for example on a factchecking website.*



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**B** Accept that even some 'factual' shows may not be completely reliable as they are often produced for entertainment as well, but enjoy the show anyway.

*If your instincts tell you something isn't right, even content that is designed to appear factual, official or from a reliable source, it is worth thinking twice about. See if you can identify the motive – what are they trying to achieve? It may be that rather than trying to simply inform, they also want to persuade you of something or sell you something. Alternatively, the motive could be to get more views! If it isn't hurting or upsetting anyone, it might not matter if it's not entirely true... the most important thing is that you can have a good time watching it!*



# How did you do?



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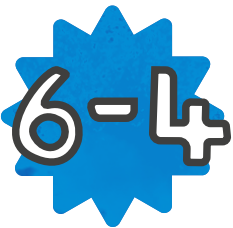
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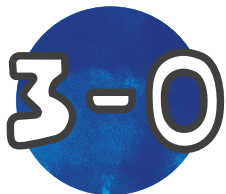
**What an incredible score!** You're an expert in recognising when things might not be entirely reliable online and are ready to share your knowledge with the world. Why not teach your friends and family about the importance of questioning the things they see online? Talk about the situations when they might need to think twice to work out if someone or something is trustworthy and help them become confident and positive internet users too. Well done!



**Fantastic work!** You're well on the way to understanding the importance of questioning the reliability of things online. You also have a pretty good idea of what you can trust and when you might need to do some further thinking. Why not share this quiz with your friends and family? See if they can beat your score and support each other on any answers you're not sure of.



**Great job.** You made some fantastic choices and are starting to understand how thinking about reliability online can help make the internet a safer and more positive place. Why not go back and look at the questions you got wrong? Do you understand why your answer was incorrect? If you're unsure, you could check with an adult and see what they think!



**Good try** but there's still more you can learn about understanding reliability online. Why not try the quiz with your friends and family, then discuss any of the answers you weren't sure about? In the future, remember that if you're ever unsure about whether something is trustworthy online, it's always safest to do some further research and ask an adult for help. Hopefully this can help you make more safe and positive choices online! Good luck!

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