

# ? FACT OR FAKE ?

Do you know if your websites are trustworthy? Some websites have good information, while others do not. They might have made-up facts or opinions mixed with facts.

A trustworthy website has facts, supporting details, and cited sources.

## WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT

Look through the websites you used in your research.

If you can check the boxes add the website's URL to the box below.

☐ Does the website address end in **.gov**, a government website, or **.edu**, a school website? Both are usually trustworthy. If the address ends in **.com**, a company website, does it use facts or opinions? Watch out for ads! A website that uses advertisements might be biased and use opinions instead of facts. They will not criticize the products in the ads.

☐ Does the site use facts with supporting details? *Tip: A fact is always true. You can find multiple sources with the same fact. It can be proven (e.g., Beagles need food and water to survive). An opinion is something you think or feel, and it can't be proven, someone could disagree (e.g., Beagles are the best pets). A good way to spot facts is to look for numbers and proper nouns: person, place, or other thing with a specific name.*

☐ Is the date on the website recent? New websites have up-to-date information, which can be more accurate.

☐ Who made the site? Is it an expert?

### TRUSTWORTHY URL'S

### WIKIPEDIA Warning!

Wikipedia has a lot of information, but it is not a trustworthy site. This is because anyone can write on Wikipedia. You can't be sure the information is true. However, many Wikipedia articles have sources and citations. These are great places to look for new information.