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# Read All About It?

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Do you believe everything you read?



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Which of these news headlines is correct?

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Hide and Seek Champ  
Found Dead In Cupboard

Frog Struck  
Down By  
Lightening

Boy, 4 Has  
Mark Of Devil

Police Will Not Probe  
Break-Ins At Homes  
With Odd Number



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## The Answer...

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All of them!

These are all headlines from national newspapers. Many will sensationalise stories to try and entice buyers into purchasing a copy. As you can see, many of them sound untrue.



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## Do we believe what we read?

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When we are given information, we often check whether it is true or not. For instance, if someone tries to sell us something, we look at whether it is a scam and if we are going to get ripped off. The same goes if someone is lying or is not telling the truth.



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## What about information on the internet?

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The internet was created by Tim Berners Lee. His principles was that it would not be owned by an individual or country. Whilst many believe that this is positive, it does bring problems such as criminals who use the web to break the law.

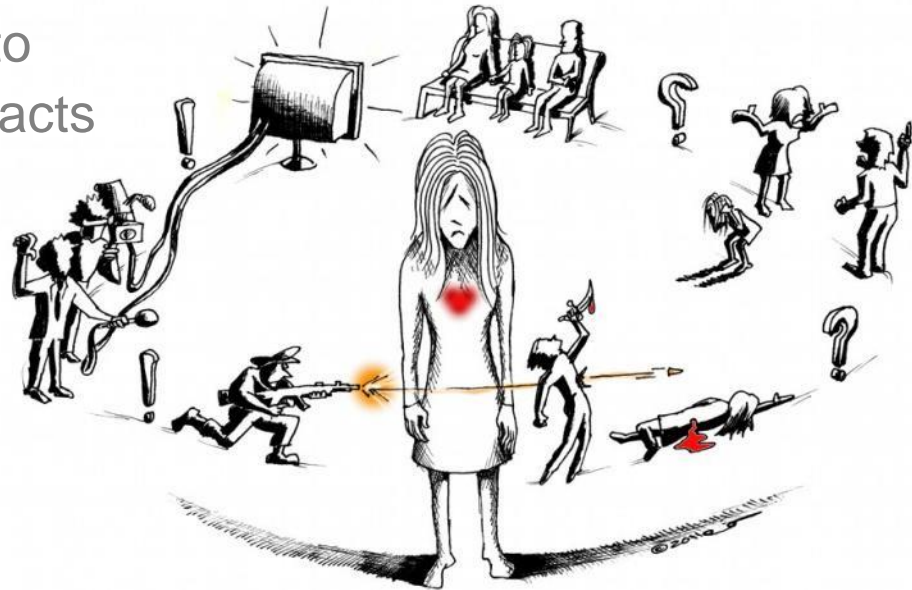


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## Peddlers Of Hate

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Others use the internet to spread hate through trolling and bullying. However, over recent years, some groups have used the internet and social media e.g. Facebook to encourage others to commit acts of terrorism.



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## Propaganda

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Many of these groups or individuals use documents, images or video to distort what is happening in the world. Some people then get very angry and follow the orders of the groups which create the digital materials. This is called radicalisation.



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## Evaluate The Web

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This is why we must think very carefully about information that is presented to us on the internet. Any person or group can set up websites, social media pages or blogs and express their own views. If they come across someone who they think is vulnerable, they will try and brainwash them into their way of thinking.





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## Web Evaluation – Top Tips

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1. Make sure that you keep your settings on social networks to private.
2. Look at who has set up a website through tools such as 'Whois' ([www.whois.net/](http://www.whois.net/))
3. If anyone shares an videos or images of terrorism, then please report them.
4. If you are worried about a friend become radicalised, then speak to your form tutor.



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Thought for the day...

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“Terrorism will spill over if  
you don’t speak up.”



Malala Yousafzai



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# Summary

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