Smart Tips for Spotting Fake News

1. Pay attention to the headline/content

Don't believe in exaggerated headlines. Read the entire article to have a better understanding of the incident.

2. Check the source

Browse relevant webpages to check the background of the information provider to see if the source is reliable. Fake websites often make minor changes to the URLs of the actual websites to mislead readers.

3. Check the date/location

Check if the message is a repost of old news and verify if the incident concerned actually happened in the mentioned location.

4. Verify the photos

Check whether the photos have been altered, and whether they are related to the content of the message.

5. Check the language

If the website is filled with spelling and grammatical mistakes, the information it provides could be unreliable.

6. Verify the information

Cross-check the information with other reliable sources to see if there are similar reports.

7. Joke? Ad? Personal opinion?

A message that has been highly exaggerated is likely to be a joke/satire. Also pay attention to product promotion ads that imitate news reports. Evaluate whether the message is solely a personal opinion.

8. Ask an expert

Consult an expert or verify the information on fact-checking websites.

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