



MODULE 5: Safeguarding Digital Privacy

CONTENT 3: Have the ability to spot misleading content on internet



Misinformation and Disinformation

Social media serves as a public platform where individuals, including news outlets, have the freedom to share content without being held responsible for fact-checking. The burden of differentiating between misinformation and disinformation lies solely on the users, as they navigate through their feeds.



Source: freepik



Source: freepik

Misinformation

Misinformation is false or misleading content shared **without harmful intent** though the effects can be still harmful.



Source: freepik

Disinformation

Disinformation, on the other hand, refers to inaccurate or deceptive information spread **intentionally** to mislead, typically in order to achieve a specific goal.



Source: freepik



Source: freepik

Misinformation vs. Disinformation

The crucial factor that distinguishes misinformation from disinformation is the presence of an **intent** behind its propagation by the individual or entity responsible. Misinformation is not created to deceive, while disinformation aims to alter the public perception of a particular topic.



Source: flaticon

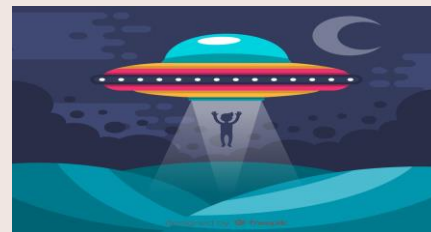
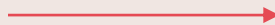
How to identify fake news?

Examine the source: It might be helpful to take a look at the source of the news if it looks real and if the text has grammatical errors. Fake news websites frequently exhibit poor journalistic standards.



Source: freepik

Fake photos: Most of the fake news are more likely to use photoshopped items or unrelated pictures. It is suggested to check Google Image search.



Source: freepik

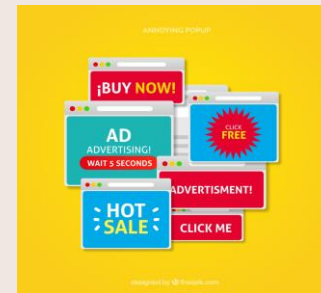
How to identify fake news?

Check the other sources: If you come across the same information on multiple websites, it is likely to be genuine, although there may be a few cases where this is not true.



Source: freepik

Other details: Fake news usually prefer to use all caps and a lot of pop ups.



Source: freepik

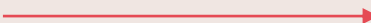
How to identify fake news?

The author: Genuine news stories are expected to provide a connection to the writer's credentials. The absence of an author raises suspicions.



Source: freepik

Date: It is important for the news to be recent. It could potentially be old-fashioned or a replica of an incident that took place many years ago.



Source: freepik

BREAKING NEWS!

In a monumental discovery, a team of marine archaeologists has located the legendary lost city of Atlantis deep within the mysterious Bermuda Triangle. Submerged for millennia, the city's pristine marble temples and advanced technology are astonishing researchers. This find promises to rewrite history and unlock secrets of ancient civilizations. Stay tuned as explorers delve deeper into this enigmatic underwater realm!!!



Source: freepik

What sounds suspicious with this so-called news?

Useful links

- [Misinformation vs Disinformation](#)
- [How to avoid fake news?](#)
- [Tips for spotting fake news online](#)



References

- <https://www.freepik.com/>
- <https://www.flaticon.com/>
- <https://shorturl.at/mNv9f>

