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Evaluating Websites: Who Wrote It and Why?

Directions: Every website in these questions is made up. As you read about each page, ask who made it, why they made it and when it was written or updated, then choose the best answer.

1. Selma is researching how much sleep kids need. She finds a page on drowsimoor.com that praises the Drowsimoor pillow and has a Buy Now button after every paragraph. What is the main purpose of this page most likely to be?

A. To sell Drowsimoor pillows
B. To compare many pillow brands fairly
C. To list the best books about sleep
D. To share the results of a sleep study

2. Darius finds a page about ocean plastic on brinewhorl.org. His friend insists that the .org ending proves the page is reliable. Which statement is accurate?

A. Every .org page has been checked by the government.
B. Only scientists are allowed to use a .org address.
C. A .org ending means the page was updated this year.
D. Any person or group can register a .org address, so the ending alone doesn't show who made the page or whether it's accurate.

3. Fiona finds a site called Glowmarrow Science that says a new kind of sneaker sole helps people run twice as fast. She has never heard of Glowmarrow Science before. What should she do first to check the site?

A. Scroll down to see whether the site looks professional.
B. Count how many photos of sneakers the page has.
C. Open a new tab and search for what other sources say about Glowmarrow Science.
D. Read the site's About page and trust what it says about itself.

4. Ignacio is writing a report about the newest kinds of computer chips. The most detailed page he has found says it was last updated nine years ago. What should he do?

A. Change the date in his report so the page seems newer.
B. Use it, since older pages are always more accurate.
C. Look for a newer source, since information about computer chips changes quickly.
D. Use it, since the page is still online.

5. Yara is learning about volcanoes. One page was written by a geologist at Pinehollow University who studies volcanoes. Another comes from an anonymous meme account. Which page is more likely to have accurate information about volcanoes?

A. The meme account, because its posts get more likes
B. The meme account, because it is funnier
C. Both are equally likely, since anyone can post online
D. The geologist's page, because she studies volcanoes as her job

6. Celeste finds a page about honeybees with a padlock next to its web address, a sleek design and smooth animations. She thinks those features prove the page is reliable. Which statement is accurate?

A. The padlock and the design together prove the page is reliable.

B. The padlock proves it, but the design doesn't.

C. Neither the padlock nor the design shows who made the page or whether its facts are right.

D. The design proves it, but the padlock doesn't.

7. Mattias wants to know who wrote a page about tornadoes and how up to date it is. Which two parts of the page help answer those questions? Choose 2.

☐ A. The page's bright, polished design

☐ B. The number of photos on the page

☐ C. A line under the title that says "By Dr. Marta Quillby, weather scientist"

☐ D. A line at the bottom that says "Last updated March 3, 2026"

☐ E. How many times the page has been shared

8. Pilar finds two websites that give different heights for Tallowmere Falls. One says 40 meters, and the other says 55 meters. What is the best next step?

A. Use whichever website loaded faster.

B. Use the bigger number, since it sounds more exciting.

C. Average the two numbers and use 47.5 meters.

D. Check what other reliable sources, such as the park's official website, say about the height.

9. Oksana reads a page that compares three video games. It was made by Brindlecrest Games, the company that makes one of the three, and it says that game is the best. Why should she be careful with this page?

A. Pages about video games are always out of date.

B. Companies are never allowed to write about video games.

C. The company may want to sell its own game, so the page may leave out that game's weak points.

D. Comparisons can only be written by teachers.

10. Henry is reading an article on a news website. A small label that says "Paid post" sits at the top of the article. What does that label tell him?

A. It's an ad: someone paid the website to publish it.

B. Henry has to pay to keep reading it.

C. The writer won a prize for it.

D. Experts checked all the facts in it.