Reading text: How 1._____ 2._____news ?

Every time you're online, you are 3._____ by pictures, 4._____, links and videos trying to tell their story. Unfortunately, not all of these stories are true. Sometimes they want you to 5._____another story or advertisement at their own 6._____, other times they want 7._____ people for political reasons. 8._____ it's so easy to share information. These stories 9._____ quickly, and the result is … fake news.

There is 10._____ fake news: from crazy stories which people 11._____ to more 12._____ types of 13._____. Experts in media studies and online psychology have been examining the fake news 14._____. Read these 15._____, and 16._____!

1. Check 17._____.

Look at the website where the story comes from. Does it look real? Is the text 18._____? Are there 19._____ other stories or is it just one story? Fake news websites often use addresses that sound like real newspapers, but don't have many real stories about other 20._____. If you aren't sure, click on the 'About' page and look for 21._____ of the organisation.

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2. Watch out for fake photos

Many fake news stories use images that are Photoshopped or taken from an 22._____. Sometimes, if you just 23._____ an image, you can see if it has been changed. Or use a tool like Google Reverse Image search. It will show you if the same image has been used in other contexts.

3. Check the story is in other places

Look to see if the story you are reading is on other news sites that you know and trust. If you do find it on many other sites, then it 24._____ isn't fake (although there are some exceptions), as many big news organisations try to check their sources before they 25._____a story.

4. Look for other signs

There are other techniques that fake news uses. These include using ALL CAPS and lots of ads that pop up when you click on a link. Also, think about how the story makes you feel. If the news story makes you angry, it's probably designed to make you angry.

If you know these things about online news, and can apply them in your everyday life, then you have the 26._____, what to believe and most importantly what to share. If you find a news story that you know is fake, the most important advice is: don't share it!

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