Don’t be duped by misinformation on the internet! Use Freddie’s 10 tips to “ferret” out fake news.

1. Read beyond the headline. What’s the whole story? Be wary of clickbait!
2. Consider the source. Is it objective, impartial, unbiased?
3. Check the author(s). Are they real? What makes them experts?
4. Check the date. When was the information published? Has it been revised or updated?
5. Check the links. Are they working? Too many broken links should raise a red flag.
6. Check the comments. Many call out the article for being fake or misleading.
7. Evaluate supporting quotes. Who or what is being quoted? Is the source real? Is it credible?
8. Ask: “Is this a joke?” Satirical articles are not reliable sources for research.
10. Conduct a reverse image search. A photo used in multiple stories may not be trustworthy.

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