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This is a useful tool to help students consider the credibility and worth of online resources they may use in academic reading and writing.

There are 5 questions to ask of any piece of writing you are considering:

1. Currency - How up to date is this? When was this published or put online? Has it been updated? Do the links work? Do I need my information to be timely for my work?



2. Relevance - Is this relevant to your topic? Is the text at a high enough level for your purposes?

3. Authority - Who is the author? What is their background? Are they biased? What does the URL tell us (.com, .ac.uk)?

4. Accuracy - Is it accurate? Does it use evidence to support it? Is the English well written? Does it have references?

5. Purpose - Is this trying to inform, teach, sell, entertain etc.? Does it read as impartial or biased?