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I can understand that all news isn't trustworthy.



What is fake news?

From our history lessons we know that all news and sources are open to interpretation. Use this checklist to see if the news is trustworthy.

# HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



## CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



## READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



## CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



## SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



## CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



## IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



## CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



## ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

Create you own lockdown fake news story.

Go to [www.classtools.net/breakingnews](http://www.classtools.net/breakingnews)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.classtools.net/breakingnews/](http://www.classtools.net/breakingnews/). The page features the ClassTools.net logo and a 'Breaking News Generator!' section. On the left, there are input fields for 'News Channel' (BBC News), 'Headline' (Pop star eats hamster during live concert), 'Description' (Hotel food 'simply not good enough' says!), 'Date' (2017), 'Place' (Manchester), and 'Upload a (draggable!) Image' (Browse...). On the right, a generated news card is displayed with a 'LIVE MANCHESTER' banner, the 'BBC NEWS' logo, and the headline 'POP STAR EATS HAMSTER DURING LIVE CONCERT'. Below the headline is a yellow banner with the text 'HOTEL FOOD 'SIMPLY NOT GOOD ENOUGH' SAYS SHEERAN...'UNDER PRESSURE'' and the year '2017'. The ClassTools.net logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the news card. At the bottom of the page, there are buttons for 'Tweet', 'Next sample', and 'Download Image'. A notification banner at the bottom right says 'Larn how 114 IT leaders deal with encrypted threats. Download the survey' with an 'OPEN' button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, task view, and several application icons, along with the system tray showing the time as 23:33 on 09/06/2020.

Fake news or real?

