

HANDOUT

Awareness – Think like a journalist

Activity 1

How to decide whether a source should be trusted

Steps:

1. *The story - where did you get the information?*
2. *The author – who is telling story you heard/read, and what do you know about them? They may have a reason for bringing it to the public or they may have made mistakes. Make sure they had at least two sources to verify a story.*
3. *Check a fact – does all the evidence add up? Find out if there are any first-hand reports and if the facts are repeated in other credible sources.*
4. *Expert advice – is there another version of the story? Look at different opinions and see who else is telling the story or is sharing information.*
5. *Images - is there a video, graphic or are there pictures in the story? Review them using the reverse image search.*

