

# How to Check a Source



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Check the writer's name and credentials to see if he/she is an expert in your field.

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Find out the reasons the author wrote the source. Writing is sometimes intended to influence the readers.

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Identify the target group of the source. Some sources are prepared for a specific group, such as young children, and may not be appropriate for use in an academic essay.

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Determine when the source was published. Old information may not be accurate.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Check the language and tone of speech of the source. The quality of sources is not always guaranteed, especially on the internet.

**QUALITY / ACCURACY**

**AUTHORITY**

**PURPOSE**

**CURRENCY**

**AUDIENCE**

