

WEB-SEARCHING



What to Search for

Would you believe that not every website you read is true? Sometimes websites won't be trustworthy for information and they should be avoided if you are looking for information. How can you tell what to look for? We can use the CRAAP method.

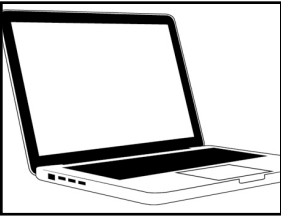
- C. Currency - When was this website or news article written or posted? Look for a date to see if the information is new or old. If it is old, it probably isn't a good source for information.
- R. Related - Is this website related to the topic you are studying? If you are studying history you don't want to use a restaurant's website, right? Make sure the site is on the same topic as the information you want.

- A. Authority - Do the people on this site know what they are talking about? Is this a professor or expert talking? If you are trying to learn about dinosaur bones you want to talk to an archeologist, not a race car driver, right? Look on the site and try and find information about why this person knows this information.

- A. Accuracy - Is this source telling the truth? Sometimes sites are fake. Sometimes this is for fun and sometimes to give the wrong information. Look for clues that lets you know it's accurate like; no misspelled words, no grammar mistakes, links to their own sources, and whether they are selling you something.

- P. Purpose - Why does this site exist? Is it selling you something? Is it trying to get you to believe something? Is it for entertainment? Make sure the site you use is serious and is trying to give you real information. Does this information make sense? You can always double check with another site to see (Geier, 2014).

How to Search



Do you use Google or Naver to search for information? Did you know there are some tricks that can help you search better? Here are a few tips for searching smarter.

1. Use quotation marks around the words you are searching to get a more accurate search for those words. If you want information about turtle ships then type in **"turtle ships"** so you don't get sites that are only about turtles, for example.
2. If you keep getting the wrong information and you want to search without a word then use a minus sign. If you want to learn about Doosan, but not the baseball team, then type **doosan - baseball**.
3. If you want to search information on one site then type your search words and add the site like this **korea site:fifa.com** to find all the information Fifa has on Korea (Clark, 2013).