



INFORMATION SOURCE EVALUATION

A. Take the test and see how critical a reader you are. Choose from one to three stars to describe how accurate the statements are in your opinion. One star: not accurate at all, two stars: somewhat accurate, three stars: totally accurate.

- ★ not accurate at all
- ★★ somewhat accurate
- ★★★ totally accurate

Then compare your results in small groups.

1. A piece of news written by a journalist is always true.
2. A professional reporter always reveals all the aspects of a story.
3. Letters to the editor are factual.
4. Companies' news releases are reliable.
5. A documentary reveals only facts.
6. A published piece of news gets picked in the paper because it is socially significant.
7. All newspapers are equally unreliable.
8. There's no reliable information available on the net.
9. You can only acquire reliable information by relying on several sources that talk about the issue from different angles.
10. A photo is more reliable than written text.
11. A newspaper is a more reliable source of information than a magazine.
12. An interview reveals what an interviewee thinks about an issue.
13. An ad always lies.
14. Social media isn't commercial.
15. A column in a newspaper is an unreliable source.



B. Go through the texts you chose as sources and consider which ones

- are informative
- represent the writers' views
- are fictional
- are entertaining
- want to persuade the readers
- seem reliable.

Also discuss why.