# Fake news

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## Just a bunch of lies

Don't fool yourself: lying is part of the human nature

# Old as the pharaohs

The first recorded fake news: Ramses the Great boasted about a victory that never happened (...and you, Mr Trump?)

### With a new twist

Social media have made much easier to spread lies

# Fake news is not new: it is as old as the hills!

### HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



#### **CONSIDER THE SOURCE**

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



#### **CHECK THE AUTHOR**

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



#### **CHECK THE DATE**

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



#### **CHECK YOUR BIASES**

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



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



#### **SUPPORTING SOURCES?**

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



#### IS IT A JOKE?

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



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

# Sound advice: touchstones

From a reliable source: the International Federation of Library Associations



# How to react



# And rember...



Don't believe whatever you come across



Use our touchstones



Never spread fake news



