



Teaching tamariki to spot fake news

Teaching kids about what's real and what's not, can be tricky but it's important tamariki understand that just because something is online doesn't mean it's true.

Why does it matter?

 Kids may be confused or misled about what they see which could impact on their learning and wellbeing if they start to feel anxious about something.

 Some fake news is either deliberately hateful or aimed at people in minority groups which can have offline consequences.

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Fake news is information that is either totally or in part factually inaccurate. It can appear anywhere and be created by anyone.



Top tips



- 1** Explain to your child what fake news is, how it's created and why they need the skills to determine what's fact and what's fake.
- 2** Teach your child to factcheck - explain what sites are trustworthy, where you get information from and how you check the reliability of what you see.
- 3** Hone their critical thinking skills. Encourage them to ask themselves does this sound right? Is there another explanation for this information? Could this be a joke?
- 4** Encourage your child to read beyond a headline before they take something at face value or share it with other people.
- 5** Build digital literacy. Critical thinking skills are more relevant now. Teach children to be cautious, vigilant, and creative digital citizens.