

TIP SHEET #1:

Use fact-checking tools



Sometimes a single search can Break the Fake if a professional fact-checker has already done the work for you.

- You can use a specific fact-checker website like Snopes.com, or our custom search engine bit.ly/fact-search:
- To look at a broader range of sources, do a search for the story with the word “hoax” or “fake” added.

eagle attacks drone



eagle attacks drone hoax



This lets you search all of these fact-checkers at once:

- Snopes.com
- Agence France Presse Canada
- FactsCan
- FactCheck.org
- Politifact
- Washington Post Fact Checker
- Associated Press Fact Check
- HoaxEye
- Les Decrypteurs

If you want to use a different fact-checker, make sure it's signed on to the International Fact-Checking Network's code of principles (see <https://ifcncodeofprinciples.poynter.org/signatories>).

- Because anyone can call themselves a fact-checker, you need to double-check if your search leads to sources you don't already know are reliable. Check out the *Find the source* tip sheet for more info.
- Remember that just because a fact-checker *hasn't* debunked something doesn't mean it's true. It can take a while for fact-checkers to verify a story, and not every one will verify every story.
- If no reliable fact-checker has covered it yet, move on to other steps like *Find the source* or *Check other sources*.

Make sure to take these steps to double-check before you share anything we see online, every time. Because only you can Break the Fake.