### Below are some commonly used terms that may help you to decide if a website is reliable.

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| URL | This stands for uniform (or universal) resource locator. It is the address of a web page. You can find it in the ‘location bar’ at the top of the screen. A URL can tell you if the site is secure, the country it comes from and what type of site it is (e.g. government, organisation, company or educational). |
| .gov | Refers to a government website. |
| .edu | Refers to an educational institution. |
| .com | Tells you the website is a commercial business. |
| .org | Usually refers to an organisation, such as a charity. |
| Where was the site created? | The URL provides information about the country of origin of the site. For example, sites that end in .au are Australian. |
| How can I find out who created the website? | This can be tricky, but it should be easy to find out on a reliable site. Look for sections called ‘About us’ or ‘Contact us’ as these may provide some answers. |
| When was the site created or last updated? | This is not always easy to find out. A ‘What’s new?’ section might help or the copyright information, which might be at the bottom of the home page, could provide some clues. |
| How can I tell what sections are in the website? | There will be a menu on the site. It will be located across the top, or down the side (usually the left-hand side), of the home page. |

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