Evaluating Websites
10 questions to help you identify if a website is worth using!

1. What type of organisation has produced this website?
   - .com = commercial site
   - .edu = educational institution
   - .gov = government site
   - .org = non-profit organisation
   - .net = network
   
   **Beware!** Commercial sites exist to try and sell you something!

2. Is the person/organisation responsible for the page clearly identified?
   - Yes
   - No
   
   **Question:** Should you really be using the site if you don’t know who made it?

3. What person/organisation has produced this website?

4. Why has this site been produced?

5. What sort of contact details does this website provide you with?
   - Email address
   - Telephone number
   - Address of organisation
   
   **Beware!** Be suspicious of sites that do not provide contact details!

6. Is there any evidence of bias on the website?
   - Yes
   - No

7. How does this influence your use of the information on this website?

8. Does the website provide a “last updated” date?
   - Yes
   - No

9. Does this date have any influence on the validity of the information provided?

10. How can you verify the information presented on this website?

Hint: Is there an “about us” page on the website that provides information about the creators?

Beware! .net sites are hosted on a private network internet provider; it could be someone’s personal home page!