1. Use a search engine fill in the table below. Find a fact, state the website you found the answer on. Then, analyse how accurate you think the information is by thinking about the page author, how recently it was updated, and the purpose of the website.

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| **Fact** | **Website address** | **Is it accurate? If so, then why?** |
| How tall is the Eiffel Tower in feet? 1063 Feet | <https://www.toureiffel.paris/en/the-monument/key-figures>  <https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/how-tall-is-the-eiffel-tower>  <https://metro.co.uk/2018/04/23/eiffel-tower-built-tall-7488249/> | Yes – checked on 3 sites. |

Answers will vary as students can choose their own fact.

1. Explain whether you think the websites mentioned below provide that is accurate or not.

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| **Website** | **Explanation** |
| NHS Website | NHS is a public service funded by the government and provides information and advice that is backed up by scientific evidence. Their sources for this evidence will also come from reliable sources. This makes it a reliable website. |
| Facebook | It’s a social media page that allows users to share a variety of information. However, not all this information is reliable, social media websites such as Facebook have a reputation of spreading fake news. |
| Football match report | This will be mixed because the report will provide facts about the game such as who scored, what minute and the final result. However, it loses some validity because it’s been interpreted by a reporter. There always a risk that bias can occur throughout the report. (e.g. England were awarded a soft penalty) |

1. Complete the table below to identify the function of the following user-generated reference sites.

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| **User-generated reference site** | **Function** |
| Wikis | Websites that allow user to add or edit content collaboratively. (e.g. Wikipedia) |
| Internet forums/message boards | Allow people to hold discussions by posting messages about a certain subject. |
| Newsgroups | Communities like message boards, that allow users to discuss a particular topic. |
| Review sites | Allows users to post reviews to inform potential customers of the product/service they are considering buying. |

1. Identify **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of using wikis.

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| **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| Wikis can be easily edited by users so the information on the websites can be up to date. | Anyone can contribute information and this could lead to inaccurate, biased information being posted. |
| People from different parts of the world can collaborate and create content. | An internet connection is needed for people to work collaboratively. |
| They often do not review users to pay a free and contain a huge amount of information. | The information may become disorganised and includes errors and duplication. |

1. Suggest **three** ways a user can check a website for its reliability.

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| * Check the author – are they well known? Can you contact the author? * Is the information up to date? * What is the purpose of the page? Is it just information, news source, advertising, government information * Copyright present? |