

## Evaluating Accuracy

The accuracy of information found online can vary. Many people publish information that is not true or properly verified on purpose, or because they do not know any better. If you are unsure of a source’s credibility, you should always take the time to evaluate it for accuracy.

Here are some steps you should take when evaluating the accuracy of a website:



Does the author provide evidence for claims made in the article?

Does the author link to or reference other credible studies, articles, or other sources? Some articles will also have works cited lists.



“rise of the dinosaurs” links to <http://www.livescience.com/22116-dinosaur-diversity-rocky-mountain-rise.html>

If your resource is accurate, you should still consider these other factors:

Errors	Review Process
<p>Is the content full of spelling and grammatical errors? If so, it might be a sign that the author was not careful when evaluating the accuracy of information found during his/her research. Rushed writing could imply rushed researching!</p>	<p>Has the article been reviewed? Many journal articles are “peer-reviewed” by a group of experts. Many newspaper articles are reviewed by editors. The review process helps to ensure the accuracy of a source.</p>