



Research & Citing Sources

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: I found this fact on a random blog so it must be true.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: Wikipedia says dogs live 15 years so I will copy that into my report.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: This website has no author or date so it is probably fine to use.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A source ending in .edu usually belongs to a school or _____.
2. A _____ source has a known author, a clear date, and facts that can be checked.
3. Websites ending in . _____ are run by government agencies and are usually trustworthy.
4. Before trusting a website, check whether the _____ is an expert on the topic.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Name two signs that a website might NOT be a reliable source for a school report.

2. Why is an encyclopedia a more reliable source than a personal blog?

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: I found this fact on a random blog so it must be true.

Rewrite: I should verify this fact using a reliable source such as an encyclopedia or a .edu website.

2. Fix the sentence: Wikipedia says dogs live 15 years so I will copy that into my report.

Rewrite: I will check the information from Wikipedia against a published reference book before using it in my report.

3. Fix the sentence: This website has no author or date so it is probably fine to use.

Rewrite: This website has no author or date, so it is not a reliable source for my research project.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A source ending in .edu usually belongs to a school or university.
2. A reliable source has a known author, a clear date, and facts that can be checked.
3. Websites ending in .gov are run by government agencies and are usually trustworthy.
4. Before trusting a website, check whether the author is an expert on the topic.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Name two signs that a website might NOT be a reliable source for a school report.

Two signs are that the website has no author listed and there is no date showing when the information was published or last updated.

2. Why is an encyclopedia a more reliable source than a personal blog?

An encyclopedia is written and reviewed by experts who check the facts, while a personal blog may contain one person's opinions without any fact-checking.