



What you will learn

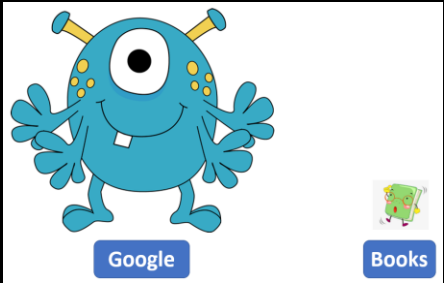
- Information can be found in all kinds of places...books, news media, journals, the web.
- Knowing which one to use will depend on what kind of information you need.
- This session will help you identify what information sources you should use and where you can find them.

What are Information Sources?

Information sources are simply the places where you find information for your assignments and research.

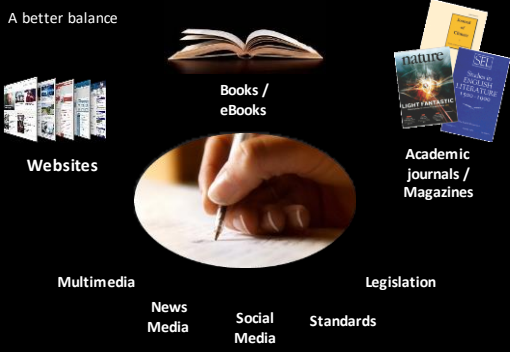
**Imagine you were asked to write an essay on ...
Where would find information to help you write that essay?**

Where do you find info now?



Google Books

A better balance



Websites

Books / eBooks

Academic journals / Magazines

Legislation

Multimedia

News Media

Social Media

Standards

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Why?

Because it shows that you have researched your topic thoroughly and have **evidence** to support your writing.

Books / eBooks



Good for:
Background information and inspiration.

Not so good for:
Up to date information.

Websites



Good for:
Very up to date information

Information on companies, government and organisations

Not so good for:
Accurate and reliable information

Try searching **Google Scholar** for quality academic journal articles and books.



Academic Journals



Academic Journals, like magazines are published on a regular basis. Contain articles written by experts. Present new research.

Good for:
Latest research, critically reviewed by experts

Not so good for:
Broad overview of a subject

Trade Journals and Magazines



Published on a regular basis. Contains news, jobs, products, events & advertising. Aimed at a profession, business sector or interest.


Good for:
Up-to-date information

Not so good for:
Detailed and objective reports

Spot the difference

Academic journal	Magazine
<input type="checkbox"/> For scholars, researchers	<input type="checkbox"/> For general public
<input type="checkbox"/> Written by experts	<input type="checkbox"/> Written by journalists
<input type="checkbox"/> Long, focused articles	<input type="checkbox"/> Short, general articles
<input type="checkbox"/> Peer-reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/> Not peer-reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Plain, no advertisements	<input type="checkbox"/> Colourful, advertisements


Evaluating sources



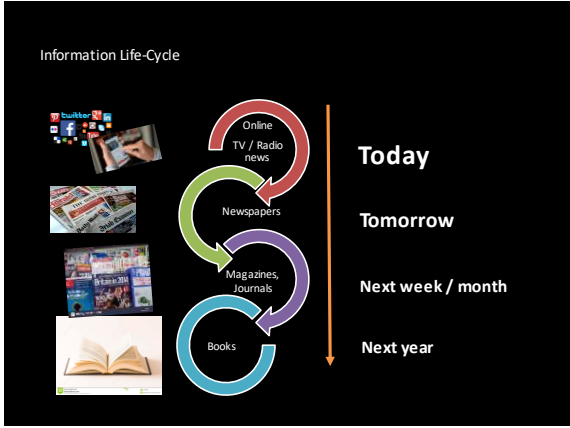
- Who wrote it?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?
- What is its purpose?
- Where does the info come from?
- How relevant is it to my research?

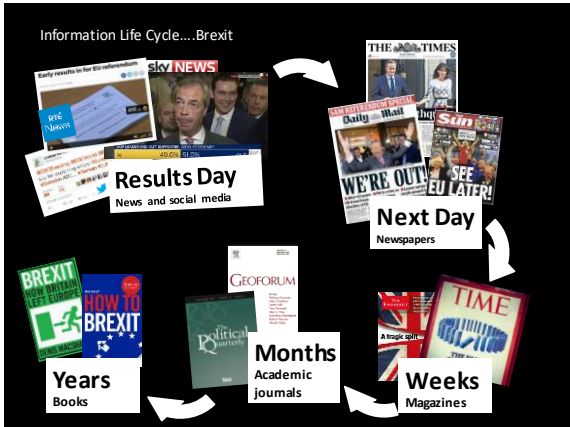
Evaluating sources

Imagine you are writing an essay on **Vegetarian Food**
 Have a look at the items you have been given and consider the following:



- What type of sources are they?
- Which item is the most relevant to your essay?
- Which item has the most academic authority?
- Are any of the items biased?
- Which item is the most current?








Where do I find things?

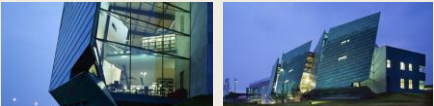

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