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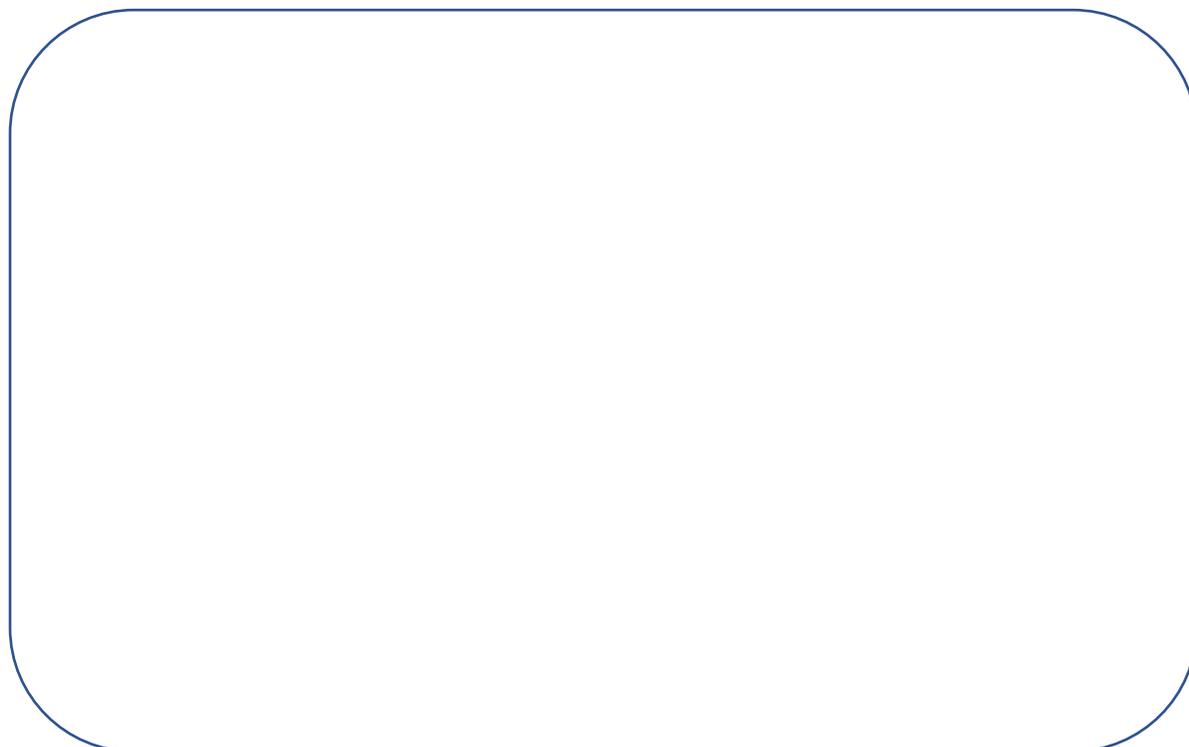
How can I think like a researcher?

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Resources to find information

There are many different ways to find the information you are looking for. Use the box below to write or draw which resources you use to find information. **What resources do you use to find information?**

After you brainstorm, see which resources we found as great places to find information!

There are four (4) different resources we have found as great places to find information

An **online search** is one type of resource. You can use an online search, like Google or Bing, to find websites and publications on the internet.

The **library** is another type of resource. You can go to the library or use online library databases. You can find information and research articles from published newspapers, magazines and journals.

Personal communication is another type of resource. These are tools that allow you to talk with other people.

Social websites are the last type of resource. These are websites to help build relationships with others. You can also share news or information.

There are many reasons why you might use these different resources to find more information. We have found four (4) reasons you might be searching for more information.

What are the four (4) reasons you might be searching for more or new information?

① _____

② _____

③ _____

④ _____

Activity: Which resource would you use?

For each example, mark an 'X' in the box of the resources you would use for that scenario.

What resource would you use if you wanted to learn more about…

☐ Library

☐ Personal communication

How COVID-19 is affecting people with disabilities

☐ Online search

☐ Social websites

What resource would you use if you wanted to learn more about…

☐ Library

☐ Personal communication

What my doctor told me to do after my last annual check-up

☐ Online search

☐ Social websites

What resource would you use if you wanted to learn more about…

- ☐ Library
- ☐ Personal communication
- ☐ Online search
- ☐ Social websites

What my friends are up to for the summer?

What resource would you use if you wanted to learn more about…

- ☐ Library
- ☐ Personal communication
- ☐ Online search
- ☐ Social websites

The 2020 Special Olympics World Winter Games?

How do you decide if you can trust the information?

Whenever you get information, it is important to decide if you can trust that information. There are lots of things to think about when searching for trustworthy information. Use the box below to write or draw how you decide which information is trustworthy. **How do you decide if you can trust the information you find in your research?**
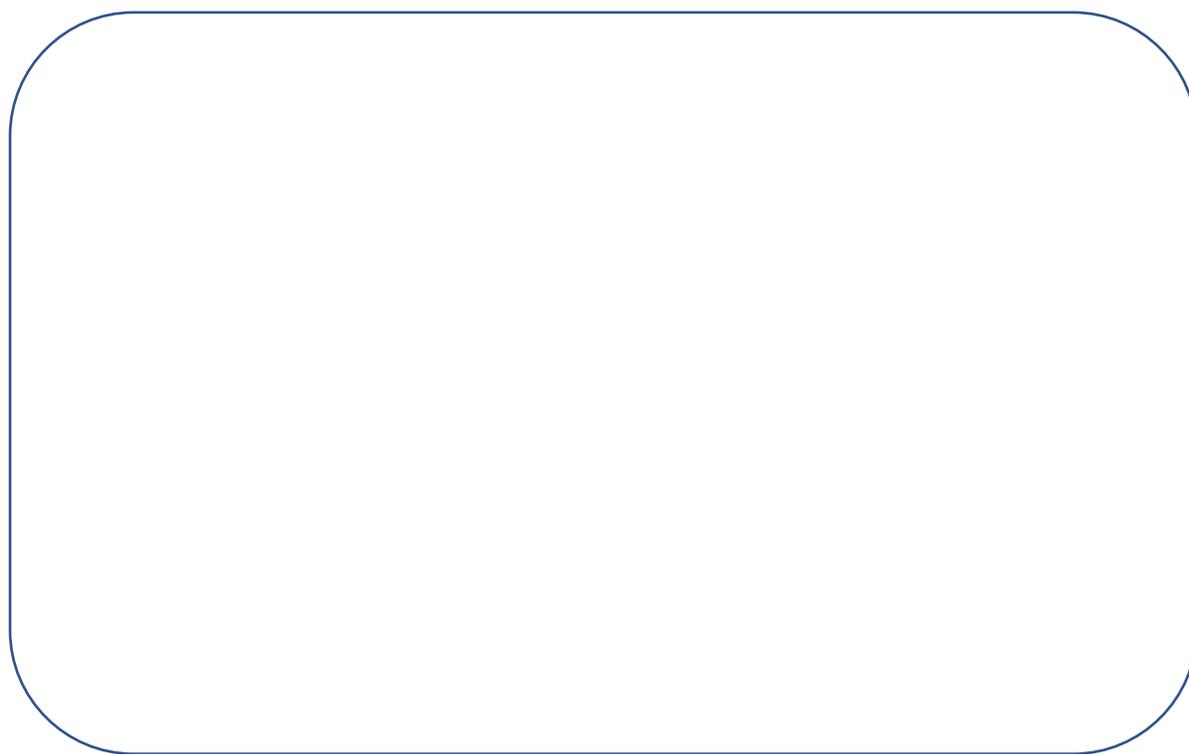
Stop and check!

Stop here and check your knowledge on everything we have covered so far in this module.

Which website would you trust the most?

☐ Twitter.com

☐ Facebook.com

☐ Mayoclinic.org

How old can research be for you to trust it?

☐ 11-15 years

☐ 1-10 years

☐ 20-45 years

☐ 100+ years

Which research study would you trust more?

☐ A research study that was done in 2014

☐ A research study that was done in 2018

Decide if you can trust the information

It is important to think about whether we can trust the information we are finding. Use the boxes below to write or draw your answers to how you decide if you can or cannot trust information.

Yes, I can trust it.

No, I cannot trust it.

Activity: Should you participate in this research study?

Use the examples in the modules to decide whether you would or would not participate in this study. For each example, mark an 'X' in the box that shows whether you would (yes) or would not (no) participate in this research study.
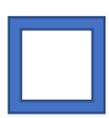
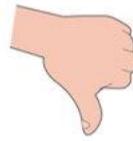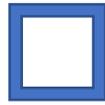**Example 1**: Would you participate in this research study?

☐ 👍 **YES**   ☐ 👎 **NO**

Why should you NOT participate in this research study?
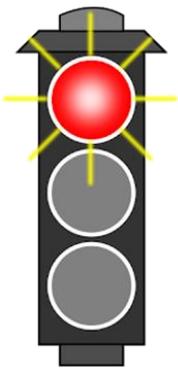
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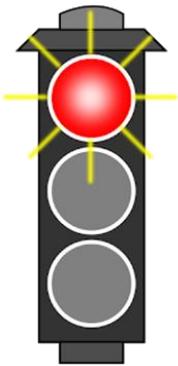
☐ 👍 **YES**   ☐ 👎 **NO**

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Example 3: Would you participate in this research study?
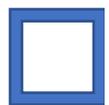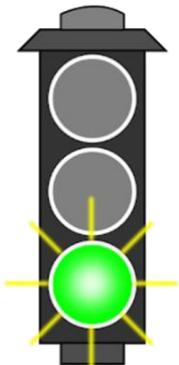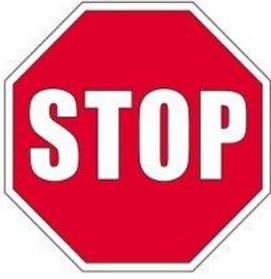
☐ 👍 **YES**   ☐ 👎 **NO**

Why should you participate in this research study?

Stop and check!

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Which of these are important questions to ask before participating in a research study?

☐ Will transportation be provided?

☐ How much time will it take to participate?

☐ Are researchers using safe practices?

☐ All of the above

Time for review

Let's take a minute to review everything we have covered so far in this module.

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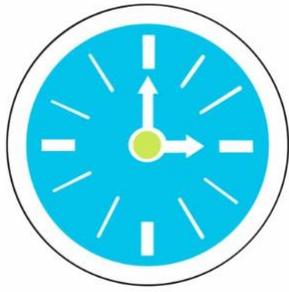
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Module 4: Take home points

You can trust some types of websites more than others

- You can trust Mayoclinic.org more than Facebook.com and Twitter.com

- Reliable sources are best within **10 years**

- It is better when the date is even MORE recent

There are important questions to ask before participating in a research study, such as …

- Do you have transportation to get there?

- How much time will it take to participate?

- Are researchers using safe practices?

- Do you understand the study and do you feel safe and supported?

Module 4: COMPLETE

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for participating in Module 4, and happy researching!