Should we trust everything we read and see online?

Internet Safety - KS1

One of the best things about going online is learning new things. You might get information from:

blogs comments news videos official websites information pages pictures articles reviews posts search engines

But did you know that not everything online is true?

Sometimes people put information online that might be unreliable, fake or wrong. False information can end up online by mistake, somebody might be trying to be funny or it could be meant to trick people



It was late at night and Smartie the Penguin was WIDE awake... He was too excited to sleep because tomorrow was his birthday. He was really hoping to be given a new tablet! The big day came and Smartie had really enjoyed his birthday party. He had saved his most exciting looking present until the end.

"Oh I really hope this is a tablet of my own!" he

thought as he began to open it.



Smartie tore off the wrapping paper in a hurry! Mummy and Daddy Penguin had bought him a brand new tablet. Just what he wanted!

Oh! Thank you,

thank you, thank

you!

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Smartie's parents enjoy using the internet and are always there to help Smartie.

Smartie was allowed to play on his tablet once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

Mummy Penguin helped Smartie to get online and he was off!



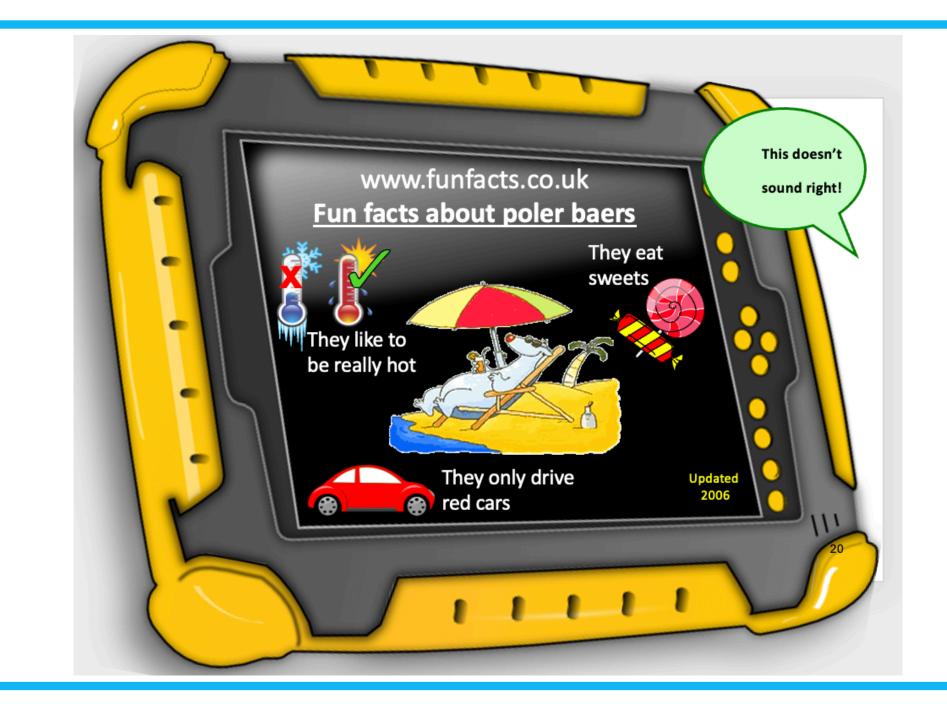
Smartie went on to the internet and typed in, 'All about polar bears.'

Smartie tapped on the first website but it was very confusing! It said that polar bears live on the beach but Smartie was sure they liked the cold weather, just like him!



Smartie thought that everything on the internet was true, but this didn't sound right. He was feeling very confused.

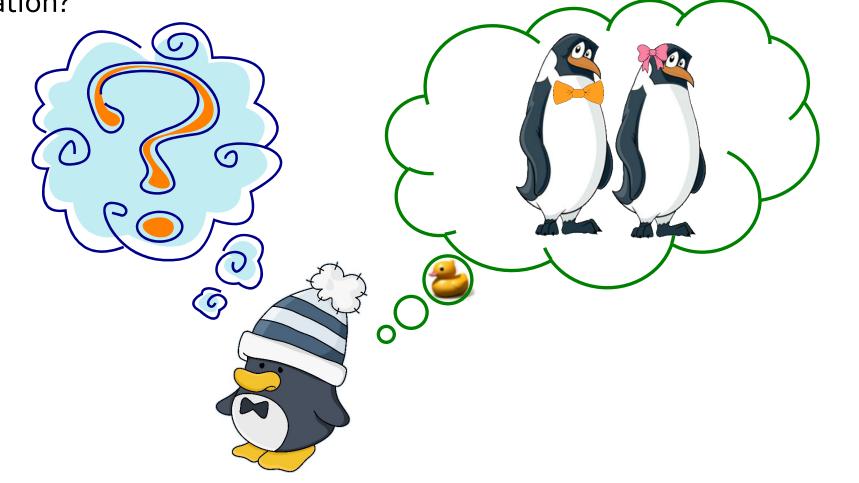




What should Smartie do?

Should he just believe what the internet says or should he ask for help to find the

right information?



"Help!" shouted Smartie. "Mummy, Daddy, please help me. I'm trying to find out

more about polar bears but the information doesn't sound right!"



"Smartie," replied Mummy Penguin, "what a CLEVER little penguin you are! Not everything online is true so it is always best to check with a grown up first."



Mummy Penguin helped Smartie find the right information and everything was fine again.



Smartie made the right choice because he . . .

He stopped...

thought about what to do...

and always asked an adult for help.



I am very lucky because I have mummy and daddy penguin to help me!

But who can help you?