Online dos and don’ts

The internet is a valuable source of information. However, there is a lot of information on the internet that is false or out of date. Many students use information from the first website in a search list and don’t think about quality. This is not a good idea. It is important to check the websites you use are reliable. Use this checklist to help.

- **Is the information on the website old or new?**
  When you want to know something about science or news, you must check the date on the website. Is the date recent? It is important that the information is up to date.

- **Who wrote the information?**
  Can you find the name of the author? If it is a famous person or organisation, then it is probably a reliable site. Look at the website address. If the site is from a government or an institution, then it is reliable.

- **What is the website for?**
  If the site is selling a product, the information is not always accurate.

**Glossary**

- source = fonte
- out of date = scaduto, obsoleto
- reliable = affidabile
- up to date = aggiornato

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9 Match the situations (1-4) with the best form of digital communication (a-d).

1. Asking your English teacher for information about a homework project.
2. Telling your parents that you are late.
3. Inviting your class to a party.
4. Asking a friend about a sports match.

- a A text message
- b An email
- c A text message or social media chat
- d A group message on social media

10 Now match the start of the messages below (a-d) with the situations above (1-4).

- a Hi Max,
- b Dear Ms Rossi,
- c Mum,
- d Hey guys,

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**SEE**

What can you see in the picture?
1. I can see a group of...
2. Each student is holding...

What aspect of 21st-century education is in the picture?
1. Working together in groups
2. Multilingualism
3. The strong role of digital technology in education

**THINK**

Which of these digital aspects are important for Sustainable Goal 4: Quality Education?

- Information is always available
- Learning is interactive and fun
- Physical interaction among users is not necessary
- You can collaborate with other people
- You can use many different devices (e.g. laptop, phone, tablet, etc.)
- Many resources are free

**WONDER**

Work in groups. What is the most positive effect of digital technology on education? Share your ideas with the rest of the class.

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**True or False?**

1. If it’s online it’s true.  
2. Lots of students use this website so it is a good choice.
3. It is good if they update the information on a website regularly.
4. If the website address is from a famous institution, it is a reliable site.
5. It is not important to check what the website is for.

8 Choose a school subject and a topic. Search the internet and write a list of reliable websites for your research.