Evaluating Websites
10 questions to help you identify if a website is worth using!

1. **What type of organisation has produced this website?**

   ☐ .com = commercial site
   ☐ .edu = educational institution
   ☐ .gov = government site
   ☐ .org = non-profit organisation
   ☐ .net = network

   Beware! Commercial sites exist to try and sell you something!

   Beware! .net sites are hosted on a private network internet provider; it could be someone's personal home page!

2. **Is the person/organisation responsible for the page clearly identified?**
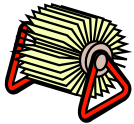
   ☐ Yes   ☐ No   *Question:* Should you really be using the site if you don't know who made it?

3. **What person/organisation has produced this website?**

   Hint: Is there an "about us" page on the website that provides information about the creators?

4. **Why has this site been produced?**

5. **What sort of contact details does this website provide you with?**

   ☐ Email address   ☐ Telephone number   ☐ Address of organisation

   Beware! Be suspicious of sites that do not provide contact details!

6. **Is there any evidence of bias on the website?**   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

7. **How does this influence your use of the information on this website?**

8. **Does the website provide a "last updated" date?**

   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

9. **Does this date have any influence on the validity of the information provided?**

10. **How can you verify the information presented on this website?**