

Student Sheet 4-1

If your friend comes up to you and tells you a story, how do you determine whether or not it is true?

If you find an incredible story on the Internet, how do you determine if what you have read is true?

ACTIVITY:

Before you get onto the Internet, can you tell which of these websites are real and which are not what they seem? (Do not click on these sites or try to visit them, just make your decision based on the URLs you see here.)

- a. improb.com/airchives/classical/cat/cat.html
- b. l-b.net/dti/
- c. ajobonline.com/
- d. dhmo.org
- e. stanford.edu/group/King/
- f. martinlutherking.org
- g. whitehouse.net/
- h. whitehouse.gov
- i. 62.116.31.68/index00.htm
- j. sunny.crk.umn.edu/courses/MISC/MCG/

How did your group determine which sites are real and which are not what they seem?

Why does it matter where you get your information on the Internet?

When questioning reputable Internet websites, it is important to find out: “**Who** owns it?” (or who created the site) - “**What** type of site is it?” - “**Where** can you find more information?” and “**Why** was the site created?”