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W07 Task: Reflection

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Throughout this course, I used multiple sources of information about the Javascript language. I found that some sources were more useful (good) than other sources (not so good.) After several weeks I learned how to tell reputable sources from iffy ones. I have begun to differentiate between these two types of sources by creating a set of three rules:

1. A short, simple explanation of how the code is used is at the top of the searched page. (If there is more than one paragraph of explanation, get out of that page!)
2. A clear, concise example of code is included
3. The ability to experiment with the code, right on the searched page is a plus.

These are some sources that I consider “good” ranked by quality and usability:

[www.w3schools.com](http://www.w3schools.com)

This is my top pick because the explanation is usually 2-3 sentences, the code example is usually 1-5 lines of code, and usually there was a link to an interactive “try it yourself” window that isolated the code, and I could play with the code a bit to see how it works. This ability to try the code in isolation was very helpful

<https://javascript.info>

This site has explanations that are usually 2-3 sentences and the code example is usually 1-5 lines of code. The simple code example gave a good place to start.

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com>

The explanations are a bit longer and the code is not as direct and simple to follow, but still understandable. This site is useful if I needed more details or if I wanted to try to expand the use of the code.

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org>

This site is ok. It has some clear, concise examples of code, but the explanations are long winded and they get a bit technical. This is helpful if I had the time to dig a little deeper into advanced ideas.

<https://stackoverflow.com>

This site will almost always appear in a Javascript search. This is a site where developers may ask questions and other developers answer. This was the least helpful site. Explanations are usually very technical and code examples are confusing. This source would be worthwhile if I had a question that I wanted to additional input from other develpers.