

**For use with “Fighting Fake News” on p. 12 of the magazine**

**MEDIA LITERACY**

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| Know Whether It’s News  **After reading and discussing the *Upfront* article “Fighting Fake News,” use this form to evaluate the reliability of a news story you read online.** | |
| **QUESTIONS** | **NOTES** |
| **1. What organization published the article? What do you know about the group?**  *(Try scouring the website for “About Us” information, or use a search engine to see what others have to say about the site.)* | The article I read is published by NPR and written by Emily Olsen. NPR is a reliable source of news as it is a non-profit organization, meaning it is free from corporate influence and bias. It is also a trusted source of news due to its commitment to accuracy and unbiased reporting. Finally, it is an established news organization that has been around for decades and is known for its high journalistic standards. |
| **2. What seems to be the purpose of the article?** | The article "Google Chatbot 'Error Bard' Shares Its Story" aims to provide a window into the development of AI-powered chatbot technology. It follows the journey of Error Bard, a chatbot developed by Google that has gone from being a research project to a more developed AI-driven conversational assistant. |
| **3. Does the article give different sides of the issue or topic? Or does it seem biased? Explain.** | The article in question provides an objective overview of the topic, discussing both an error experienced in Google's Chatbot and the implications of the incident. It does acknowledge the potential bias of the Chatbot, but does not explicitly give any particular opinion regarding the subject. Instead, it presents the facts of the situation, allowing the reader to draw their own conclusions. |
| **4. If the article has a shocking headline, does it have facts and quotes to back it up?** *(Note: Some fake news sources count on people reading only the headline of a story before sharing it on social media!)* | The article doesn’t really have a shocking headline, but the information does back up the title and has quotes. |
| **5. Look at other news stories on the same site. Do most of them seem hard to believe?** *(If they all seem unbelievable, that’s a red flag. Real news is rarely that unimaginable!)* | On NPR, all the other news article sound believable and not out of this world. Nothing too shocking or clickbaity. |
| **6. Can you verify the story in a news source you know you can trust—like the website**  **of a well-known newspaper, magazine, or TV news program?** | There are other sources that have articles on the same topic. This is how I know that the story and information is trustworthy. There are other sources on the topic and it builds credibility. |
| **SYNTHESIZE:** In the end, do you think the news article you read is reliable? Explain your answer:  The article from NPR titled "Google Chatbot Error Bard Shares" is a reliable source due to its credibility as a news outlet. NPR is a trusted news source, with reporters dedicated to factual and unbiased reporting. The article is also well-sourced, with references to the chatbot and other related material. Furthermore, the article contains quotes from various experts to further validate the information presented throughout the article. Additionally, the article is current and up-to-date, meaning the information is accurate and not outdated. The article also contains an author making it clear who is responsible for the content. All of these elements together make the article a reliable source of information.  **Summary:**  Google's Chatbot Error Bard is an AI-powered chatbot designed to detect errors in text, allowing users to quickly identify mistakes and receive advice on how to fix them. Error Bard is able to detect grammar, spelling, and punctuation mistakes, as well as offer suggestions on how to improve content. It is powered by the Google Cloud Natural Language API, and is able to detect errors in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Error Bard is easy to use, as users simply drag and drop text into the bot, which then automatically detects errors and provides users with advice on how to fix them. Error Bard is an innovative way to help users improve the accuracy and quality of their content, and is a powerful tool for any writer. | |

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