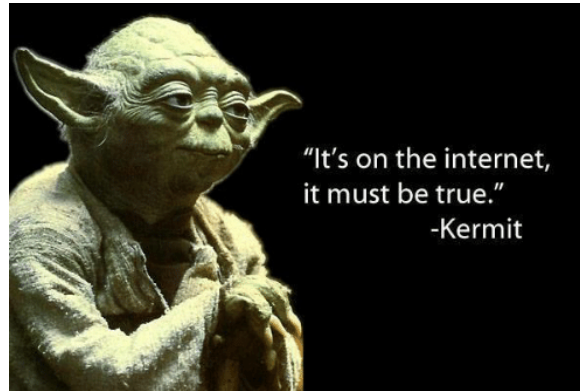


# Finding Reliable Sources



This sounds easy, right? Wrong! But we are going to make it easier.

- First place to look is always the school databases. When completing an assignment such as your Extended Essay or a college research project, this is where you are expected to find the majority of your sources. These sources are almost always extremely reliable.
- I didn't find everything I needed. Your next move will be books. What books can you find on your topic?
- Third is the internet. And this is where things get tricky.
  - Wiki's (like wikipedia) can be altered by anyone. HOWEVER, it can be a good place to find other sources. Go to the bottom of the page and its resources are linked there.
  - Look at the URL. .coms are websites that can be purchased. They are not necessarily reliable. You really have to do some research on these websites.
  - .edu is usually from a university, but beware! Sometimes these are student projects and may not have correct information.
  - .gov are government websites and are usually pretty accurate, but beware of BIAS.
  - .net is a network site. These can be reliable.
  - .org is saved for non-profit organizations and are usually reliable; however, again you must be aware of bias.
- FINALLY-Remember the Rule of 3. If you can find 3 or more sources with the same information (different sources, not just recycled into different articles), there may be some truth to it and you can use it.

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Here are some additional resources to look at-

Websites:

[Research strategy guide for finding quality, credible sources](#)

[How to Determine a Reliable Source on the Internet](#)

[What is a Reliable Source?](#)

[Online Research Guide](#)

Videos:

[How to Know If a Source Is Reliable by Shmoop](#)

[How to Evaluate Sources](#)

[Evaluating Sources for Credibility](#)