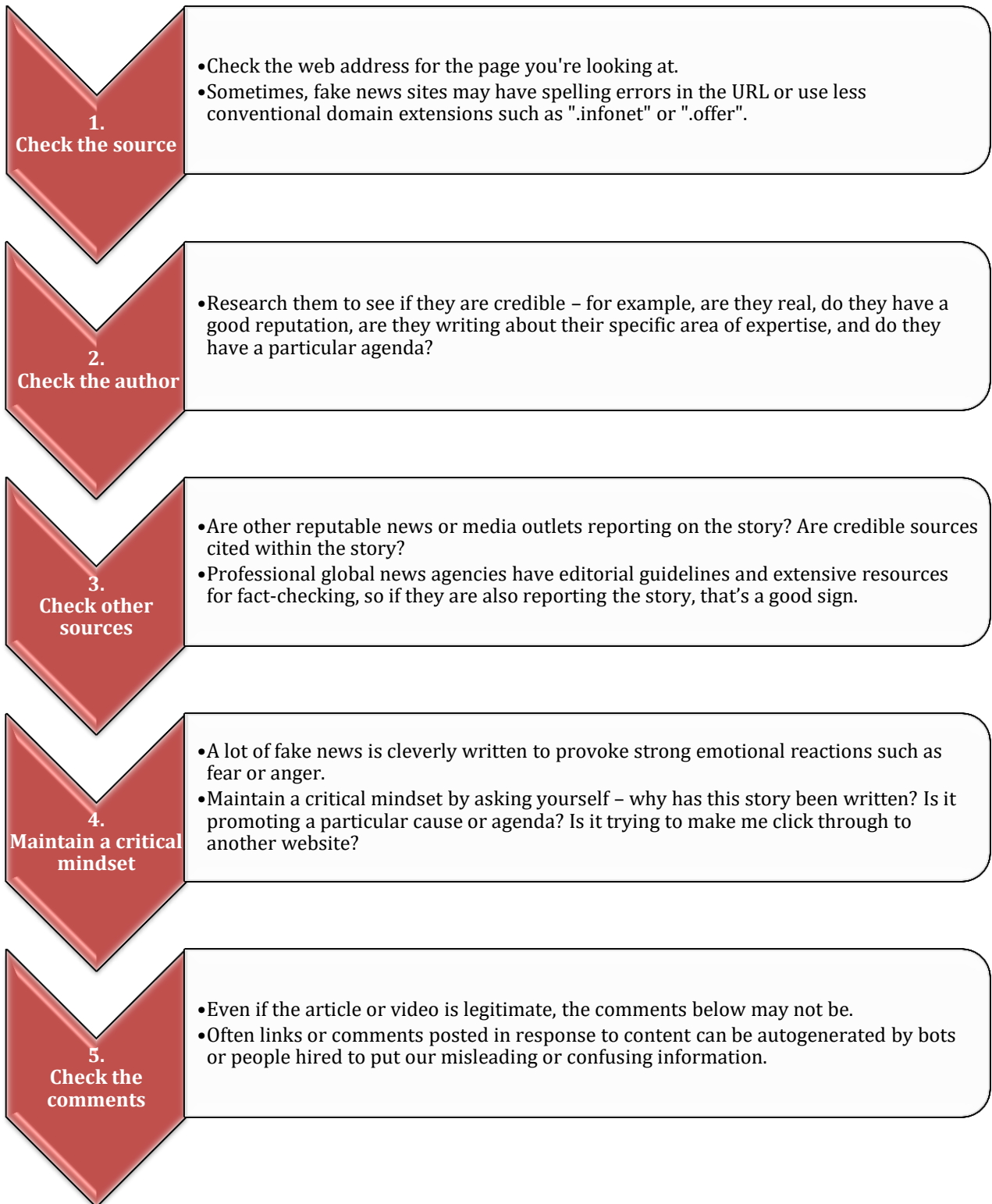




## HOW TO RECOGNISE FAKE NEWS



**6.  
Check images are authentic**

- Images you see on social media could have been edited or manipulated. Possible signs include warping – where straight lines in the background now appear wavy – as well as strange shadows, jagged edges, or skin tone that looks too perfect.
- Bear in mind, too, that an image may be accurate but simply used in a misleading context.
- You can use tools such as Google’s Reverse Image Search to check where an image originates from and whether it has been altered.

**7.  
Check the facts**

- Credible news stories will include plenty of facts – data, statistics, quotes from experts, and so on. If these are missing, question why.
- Reports with false information often contain incorrect dates or altered timelines, so it’s a good idea to check when the article was published.

**8.  
Check your own biases**

- Social media can create echo chambers by suggesting stories that match your existing browsing habits, interests, and opinions.
- The more we read from diverse sources and perspectives, the more likely it is that we can draw accurate conclusions.

**9.  
Check whether it’s a joke**

- Satirical websites are popular, and sometimes it is not always clear whether a story is just a joke or parody.
- Check the website to see if it’s known for satire or creating funny stories.

**10.  
Use a fact-checking site**

- Fake news relies on believers reposting, retweeting, or otherwise sharing false information. If you’re not sure whether an article is authentic or not, pause and think before you share.
- To help stay safe online, use an antivirus solution, which protects you from hackers, viruses, malware, and other online threats.



## DECALOGUE FOR SAFE COMMUNICATION ON THE INTERNET

**1.**  
Use a secure passwords.

- Choose a strong password (at least 10 characters long, mixing letters, numbers and special characters)
- Never communicate your password
- Use different passwords for every account

**2.**  
Be careful what you downloaded.

- Avoid mindless clicking on links, attachments in emails or on other websites
- Check the sender
- Do not download illegal files
- Download files just from official sites

**3.**  
Be careful what you publish.

- Take responsibility for your actions
- Pay attention to your self-representation on the net
- Respect copyright and image rights

**4.**  
Respect others.

- Be polite and respectful with others
- Respect the opinions of others
- Never incite violence
- Respect the privacy and rights of others
- Do not accept all friend request
- Never meet a stranger alone

**5.**  
Protect yourself from piracy.

- Install updates
- Use antivirus software
- Make regular backups
- Erase the history of the device regularly
- Pay attention of the security of WI-FI networks

