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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

# GUESS THE ARTICLE

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These pictures provide a clue to this week's article.

Can you guess how they are linked together? Which article of the Convention do these pictures relate to?

Write down your thoughts or discuss with someone in your home.



# INTRODUCING... ARTICLE 17



Eddie introduces Article 17



## Article 17 - Access to information from the media

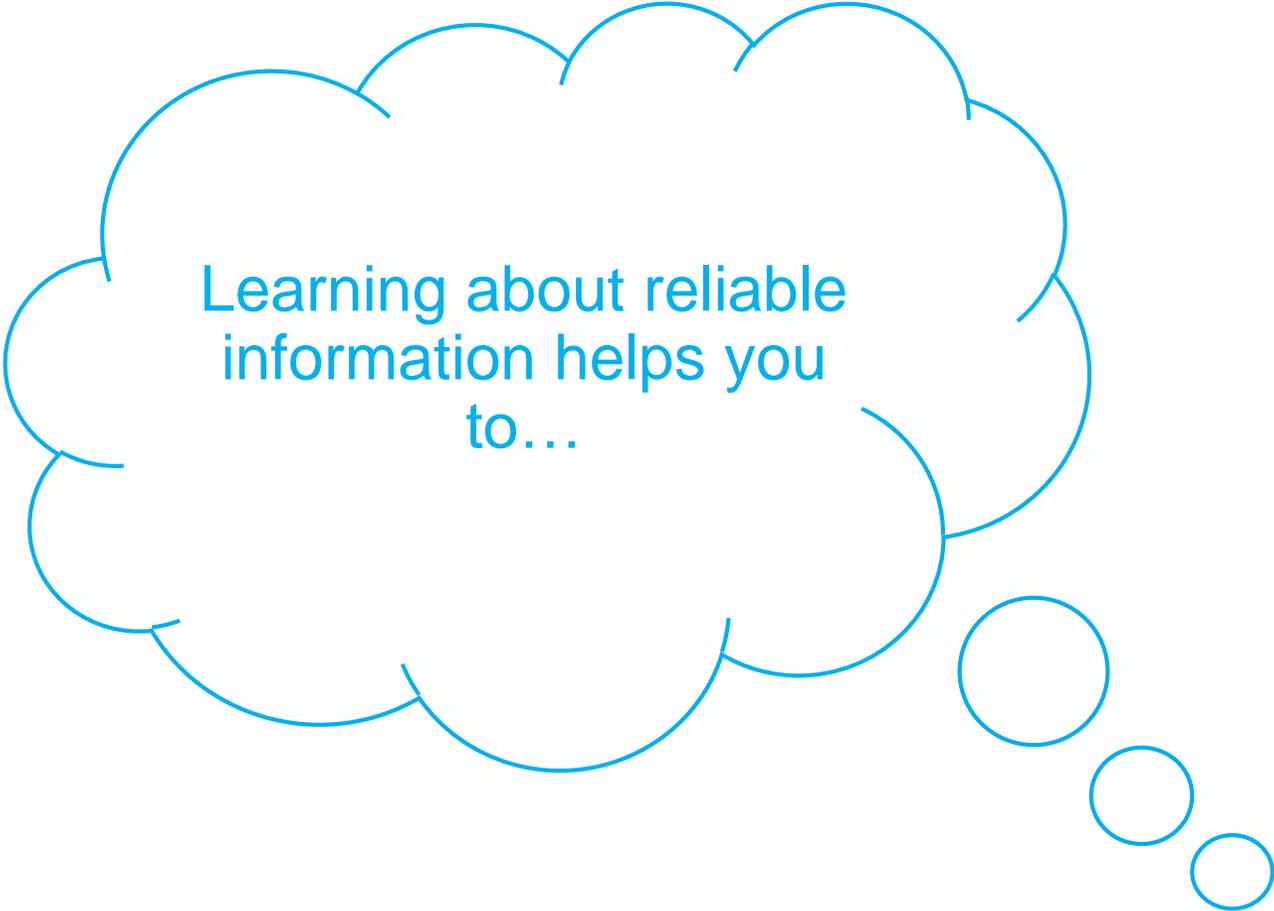
Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand.

Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

[Watch Eddie on YouTube](#)

# EXPLORING ARTICLE 17

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Learning about reliable  
information helps you  
to...

**Note down your thoughts  
and compare with the  
next slide.**

# HOW MANY OF THESE DID YOU GET?

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- To know that not everything you read is true.
- To help you learn about where information comes from.
- To be able to discuss information you find, with people you trust.
- To learn about bias and 'fake news'.
- To know that it's okay to ask more questions if something doesn't seem right.
- To be aware that people have lots of different opinions.
- To learn the difference between a fact and an opinion.
- To feel confident to say 'I'm not sure if that's true'.
- To know that some people deliberately put false information online.

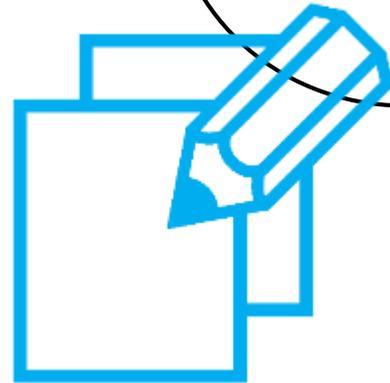
What else did you think of?

# ACTIVITY TIME

All these activities are related to...



Write down all the places you can get reliable information from.



School has changed a lot over the years, have a go at this [Horrible Histories](#) quiz! What did you learn about children's education in the past?

Using household items, build a 'newsroom' and be a newsreader for the day, reporting about the day's events in your house



What would a species from another planet need to know when they arrived on planet earth? Write them a welcome letter, telling them ten things they need to know, to feel welcome and be safe on planet earth. Where will you find reliable information to include in the letter?

You don't need to do every single activity but if you have time you can do more than one.

# ACTIVITY TIME

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Government and other adults must make sure that children are protected from harmful information. Films and computer games all have different classifications. How many different categories of classifications can you find?

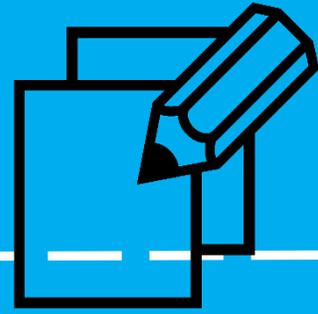
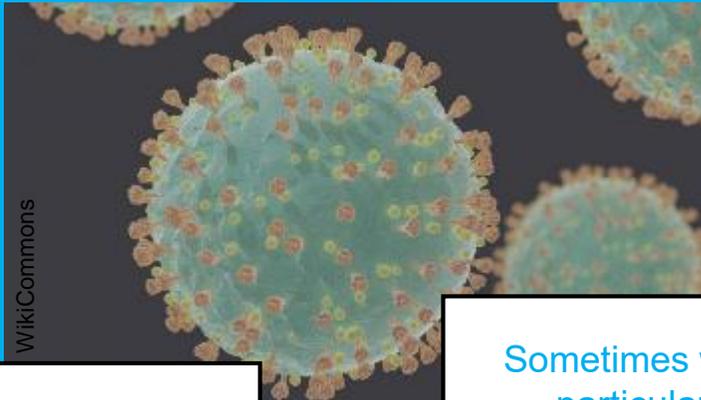
List five really interesting things you've learnt this week. You might have learnt something from a friend; maybe you watched the news and a story really stood out; or perhaps one of your parents has wowed you with a fascinating fact.

Watch the story of [Goldilocks](#). This video tells you the story from Goldilocks' point of view. Imagine you are a reporter. Tell the story from the view of the baby bear.



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# ACTIVITY TIME



These activities will help you understand how...

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The BBC has debunked some of the claims about [Coronavirus](#): had you heard about any of these, or [these ones](#)?

Sometimes we don't understand a particular issue because it's complicated and needs careful explanation. Have a go at explaining an issue or event you care about for younger children.

BBC Bite Size have put together [some great activities](#) to help you spot fake news

## *Fact or Fiction?*

There's lots of misinformation about Coronavirus and this can be dangerous: the BBC have published some great content that [explains how this misinformation spreads](#). Does this help you identify fact from fiction?

...can relate to your life.

You don't need to do every activity, just do as many as you can.

# ACTIVITY TIME

Try coming up with a list of information sources you think would be reliable if you had a question about:

- Your physical health
- Your mental health
- Entry fees for your favourite attraction or theme park
- How much it costs to send a package to a family member or friend in another country
- Making your favourite bake from the last series of the Great British Bake Off
- Volunteering at your local charity shop

How do you know these are reliable?



The Office of Communication identifies that the internet is the most used platform for news consumption for 16-24 year olds. Where do you get your news information from? Spend a day analysing the top stories on the BBC and another source such as the Guardian or a tabloid. Are they the same or different? What is different in each about the way they present information about similar topics?

Imagine you're the Prime Minister – list all the things you would do, to protect children and young people from misinformation

# REFLECTION

**Try to find somewhere peaceful and spend a few minutes being quiet and still... then think about these questions...**

- What do you do in your own life to make sure you are able to access the information you need? Why is this important?
- Article 17 is also about protection from harmful media. What can make some media harmful and why is it important, particularly now, to avoid unreliable information in the media.

**Write down your thoughts and if you want, share this back with your teacher, friends or family.**



# EXTENSION

- Rights are indivisible and all equally important. Are there are other rights that are affected by article 17?
- How do we balance our right to article 17 with these other rights?
- If being able to access reliable information is something you care about, why not apply to be a [BBC Young Reporter](#)?

You can find a summary of the whole Convention [here](#)



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