

Web Page Evaluation Checklist

The column on the left lists questions to ask to investigate web pages. Evaluating web pages requires two actions:

- Be suspicious
- Think critically about every page you find

	Title of page you are evaluating: http://www.parentingscience.com/preschool-science-activities.html	Title of page you are evaluating: http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-math/preschool-math-grows-up-tips-for-teachers
1. Look at the URL:		
Is it a personal page or site? <i>~ or % or users, members or people</i>	site	site
What type of domain is it? Is it appropriate for the content?	.com	.org
What is the name of the publisher or domain name entity? Does it correspond to the name of the site?	Parenting publisher Yes, it does.	Get ready to read
2. Scan the perimeter of the page, looking for answers to these questions:		
Who wrote the page? List name and/or email	Gwen Dewar, Ph.D.	Kristin Stanberry
What is the date created or last updated?	December, 2012	Could not find any information
What credentials does the page/site have on this subject?	It gives a bibliography of where the information was found as it was pulled from published research.	She sites resources throughout the article and has a hyperlink so that the resource can immediately be validated.
3. Look for these indicators of quality		
Are sources of information well documented?	Yes	Yes
Does the page/site have links to more resources and do they work?	Yes, and Yes	Yes; Yes
Are other viewpoints given? Is the page/site bias?	Other viewpoints are given aside from the authors	Yes, they are given when she refers to their work in her writing.
4. What do others say about this page/site?		
Who links to this page/site? Hint: In Google search: <i>link:all.or.part.of.url</i>	There is one link provided at the bottom of the page for a book resource where information was found.	National Center for Learner Disabilities INC.
Is the page rated well in a directory? http://infomine.ucr.edu	No information was listed	No information found
Look up the author in	She is a graduate of the university of Michigan.	When I searched her name I found

Google. What information did you find?	Although most of her education is related to biology, ecology, and science she has studied social learning in children and is interested in the evolution of how they learn.	results for several different people, so I could not validate who the correct person is.
5. Does it all add up?		
Why was the page put on the Web? Inform, facts, data; Explain; Persuade; Sell; Entice; Share/disclose; Other	The page was designed to give parents accurate information on how to effectively teach preschoolers about science. They are not trying to sell anything; it is not for political purposes (I don't think!)	To provide information from an accredited foundation on the most effective way to teach math to children PreK ages.
Possibly ironic? Satire or parody?	Satire	Satire.

BOTTOM LINE: Is the web page as good as (or better than) what you could find in journal articles or other published literature that is not on the free, general web?