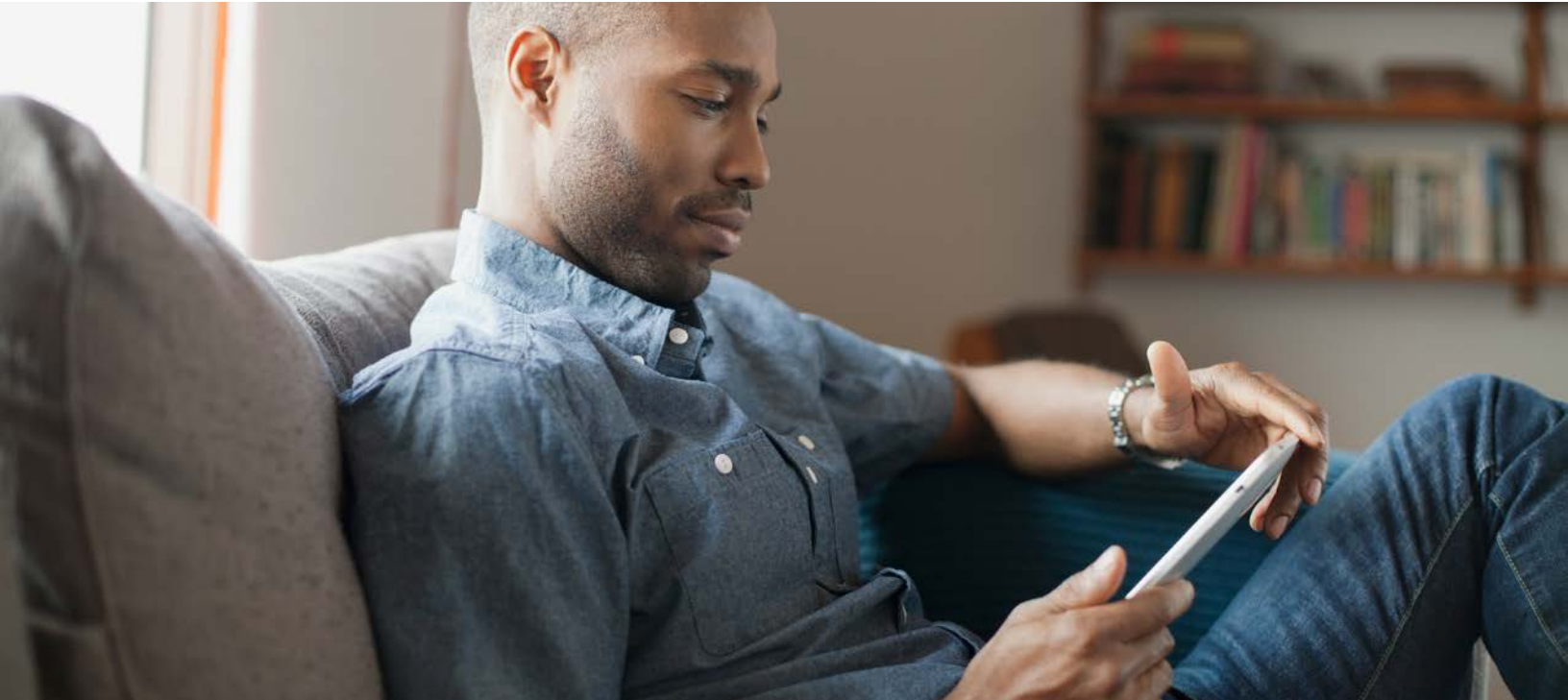


TIP SHEET #4:

Check other sources



This step may sometimes be the last one you do, but it could also be the first. The News tab is better than the main Google search for this step because it only shows real news sources. While not every source that's included is perfectly reliable, they are all news outlets that really exist. Here is an example of how this works:

The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "pakistan politician cat filter". Below the search bar, the "News" tab is selected and highlighted with a blue underline. The search results show "About 8,620 results (0.68 seconds)". The first result is from Express.co.uk, dated Jul. 23, 2019, with the headline "Canadian police embarrassed after **cat filter** used on Facebook video ...". The snippet below the headline reads: "Last month, the **cat filter** was also used during a **Pakistani politician's** press conference. Shaukat Yousafzai was updating journalists on ...". To the left of the text is a small thumbnail image showing a woman at a podium with a cat filter applied to her face.

- By taking this step, you can be sure you get the whole story. Remember, all sources make mistakes sometimes, but reliable ones will correct them.
- Looking at other sources can help you find out if the first place you saw something might have been leaving something out. This is also a good way of discovering any possible *bias* that might exist in any one source

Use Control-F (Command-F on a Mac) to quickly search a website for a word or phrase.



- You can also use this step to find out whether something agrees with what most experts on that topic think – what’s called the consensus view. While it’s generally good reporting to give both sides of a story, including views that experts agree aren’t right can result in spreading misinformation.
- You can use our custom search bit.ly/science-search to find the consensus on specialist topics like science and medicine.

If you want to know if another specialist source is reliable, check out the *Verify the source* tip sheet.

Make sure to take these steps to double-check before you share anything you see online, every time. Because only you can Break the Fake.