

News Literacy Tips share by KUNR during National News Literacy Week, February 2-6, 2026

MONDAY

It's National News Literacy Week, and the News Literate Community Initiative is bringing you today's tip on how to stop the spread of misinformation.

Pause before you react

Misinformation spreads fastest when it triggers strong emotions—anger, fear, outrage, or even smug satisfaction. If it makes you feel *something* immediately, stop scrolling and slow down.

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TUESDAY

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Read past the headline

Headlines are often designed to grab attention, not convey accuracy. So ask yourself:

- Does the article actually support the claim?
- Are key details missing or exaggerated?
- Is the headline opinion disguised as fact?

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WEDNESDAY

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Watch for common misinformation red flags

Be skeptical when you see:

- “They don't want you to know this”
- “The media is silent on this”
- All-caps, excessive emojis, dramatic language

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THURSDAY

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Don't amplify misinformation (even to debunk it)

Sharing false content—even to criticize it—can help it spread.

- If you must correct it, summarize the *facts* without resharing the false claim verbatim.
- Better yet, use a source like Snopes to check it out and share their conclusion.

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FRIDAY

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Build your "news literacy muscle"

The goal isn't perfection—it's consistency.

- Follow credible, standards-based outlets
- Diversify your news diet

Organizations like the national **News Literacy Project** focus specifically on teaching these skills. Visit them at NewsLit.org.

Bonus:

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Artificial intelligence can create shockingly real images. Here some clues that the image is fake:

- Missing or extra fingers
- Artificially perfect teeth
- Shadows that don't match the natural lighting

You can also use Google Images to see if the image appears elsewhere.

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