

EXERCISE 2: Using more than one source

On your computer, find a story that has been covered extensively in many places – it could be the engagement, wedding preparations and marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markel. Or you might want to choose your own big news story that has caught your attention.

- In pairs, each look for a different fact that interests you.
- Try to find that same fact on a different site or from a different source.
- How do you know this fact is true?
- Can you trace that fact back to an original source? For example, it might be film of Prince Harry saying it or a statement from Buckingham palace, or a tweet from the Queen's twitter feed.
- Now, can you find a fact that is in just one story or source that you cannot find anywhere else.
- How do you work out if this is an exclusive story by this person or organisation or is it false?
- What checks are you making to see if the source is likely to be true?
- Now look for something about the engagement that has been written as an opinion piece. Can you work out which bits are true and which is opinion? Is there anything there that you think might be fake? What checks can you do to test your thoughts?
- Now write your own short story, about 4 lines, using only facts from the trusted sources you have found.
- Swap stories with your partner and see if you can find the sources they used.