How to treat information online

1. What´s the problem?

Generally there are four main problems:

➔ too much (incorrect) information
➔ certain information are often faked for a certain community
➔ information is not examined critically enough
➔ a lot of people believe what they see without checking

2. How to know if a source is reliable

➔ pay attention to seriousness; appearance (design, ads, contact details…)
➔ compare information with your knowledge, other websites, people…
➔ use trustworthy websites

3. How to identify misinformation

➔ check if the source seems reliable
➔ objective or subjective view
➔ trustworthy appearance (grammar or spelling mistakes, famous author…)

4. How to check information

➔ look up your information on websites you know and trust
➔ if you cannot find fitting information there find a new one
➔ compare the information with your knowledge
➔ try to approve what you´ve found by searching the information on other websites
➔ if you cannot find anything ask your parents/friends if they can confirm you
➔ if nobody can confirm your information it is probably wrong; leave it out
➔ look up information anywhere else (books, newspaper…)

5. Conclusion

The internet is a useful place with much information. On the other hand there are many fishy websites which try to convince you with wrong stories. Hopefully you won´t do the mistake many people does and believe this fictional facts.
If you read this brochure, you should be able to avoid these problems and have a safe and informative everyday life in the internet.