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INFORMATION SPACE: PROBLEMS OF ITS RELIABILITY

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Information space plays a very important part in students' life. Every day we look for new information, find it and trust it. But the questions are: is the information we use reliable, and what is reliability of information?

First of all, reliability is the ability to reflect information, processes and phenomena occurring in the outside world objectively. Information that bears unmistakable and true data with no hidden or random errors (human or technical means failures) is considered to be primarily accurate.

In the formation of Ukrainian national information space, in addition to traditional media, now an active role is played by the new electronic media. According to modern scholars, the most important are the following: cable TV, teleconferences, e-mail and the Internet.

If we list all sorts of information sources from the most to the least reliable ones we can see that the first place must be occupied by print publications that are time-tested, have proven track record and are used by experienced professionals.

The second place should be given to the media that include television, radio, advertising, public speaking, etc. This is a very convenient form of information, but today we often get false facts, especially when the media want to influence their recipients' opinion on purpose.

I would like to give the last place to the Internet technologies that occupy an important place in the modern world information space. The Internet is the world's largest computer network, marked by the speed of information dissemination.

Though millions of people around the world use the Internet every day, we should always check the information we come across. We should refer to the printed publications that are approved and verified, and that is the way to check doubtful information from the Internet as we want to be well-educated and successful people in our careers and achieve desired goals.