Transcript for **Clues to the quality of sources audio bite** (from Put your critical hat on podcast b) Christina Lake and Anna Connell

*Are there any obvious clues that information is of a good quality?*

If you pick up a book from the library you can be relatively confident of its quality, so you might want to check who the publisher is wherever its current enough field purposes as information books softer less up to date but in other sources. But if you're looking at journal articles by the library databases or from your reading lists, again you can be relatively competent, they are from trusted sources, because they'll have been selected by a lecturer, or by the publishers gone the database, but I think you will find, I certainly as a researcher, even though I'm a librarian did go out on the web. And I think the difficulty when you're doing that is you have to really consider what it is that you found so when I find something I don't know much about I look at things like whether there's a bibliography or a list of references, I'd probably look at who the author is and check whether they're affiliated to a university or some other professional body. And that's a good one, because I think you do need to work out whether they are somebody who you would want to read and know who they might be, but also I think you need to find out wherever you can actually see where it's come from so if it's an article from a journal which journalists from and the full details of when it was published and if it's a chapter in a book the same thing so there are a lot of things that sit on the web, out of context, and you do need to know that context to find out whether they are something you can use or not, if only for the simple reason you've got to reference it at the end of the day when you use it in your work.

Transcribed by https://otter.ai