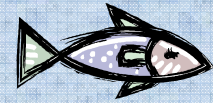


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# Catch of the Day



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## You Don't Say? Debunking Urban Legends

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The Internet is great for obtaining helpful information. Unfortunately, it's also widely used for spreading *misinformation*. Once you get an e-mail address, you'll inevitably get a forwarded message about a gas boycott, a dying child's request, a reported political gaffe, or something else. Many people unwittingly forward items that are rumors at best, lies at worst. But the Internet makes it just as simple to check a story's veracity as it does to send it to a friend. How can you fish out the truth?

**Check the web.** There are several web sites dedicated to debunking rumors, myths, and urban legends. These include [snopes.com](http://snopes.com) and [truthorfiction.com](http://truthorfiction.com). Many sites include a search box for looking up certain keywords. Not to mention you can search [Google](http://Google) for these keywords to see what details can be found on other sites.

**Think twice.** Does the message seem too good to be true? Does it fail to take certain factors into account (e.g., boycotting certain gas stations on a specified day)? Is it written for emotional impact — a child's last wish, or a health scare — or is it highly politically or religiously motivated? Many stories are designed to get a strong reaction to fuel their spread, especially when they've "fudged" the facts.

**Don't forward.** Don't re-send any information that you're not sure about. Think of all the time that could be saved checking e-mail! Especially avoid sending rumor-based e-mail to your professional networks. If it's important enough to send, it's important enough to check first!



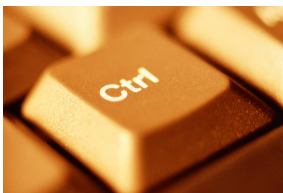
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*...because your computer isn't just for computing*

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