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Journal Entry 6: Fake Websites

Objective: What are some things that separate fake websites from real ones.

Some of the things that I found that separated fake websites from real ones were spelling errors. Real websites usually keep their grammar and spelling correct, but fake websites put no effort into checking for errors. Another thing that separates them is the domain name, where there is the omission of a letter or the addition of a letter. A Youtube copy could be something like "YouuTube," and these scammers profit off people who mistype or do not read carefully. Other times, my internet provider, Verizon in this case, will state that I am about to enter a malicious/unsafe website, which does not pop up for real websites.

Another thing I see on fake websites are the reviews. They do not sound like they were typed by a real person; sometimes they all appear as if they were typed by the same person. The last thing I check is for the bottom of the page, where it may list their terms of service, phone number, customer support, and other information that real websites have.