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2				<p><i>To decide the quality of information source, you will need to consider questions such as:</i></p> <p>How <i>reliable</i> is the information source?</p> <p>How <i>accurate</i> is the information source?</p> <p>How <i>recent</i> is the information source?</p>
3	✓			<p><i>Reliability of information</i></p> <p><i>Is the author of the information identified?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Robinson, Angela Anning and Nick Frost <p><i>Does the author of the information have the qualifications or experience to write on this topic?</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nick Frost is a Senior Lecturer, School of Continuing Education, 2. Mark Robinson is a Research Fellow and 3. Angela Anning is a Professor of Early Childhood Studies <p>All are from the School of Education, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.</p> <p><i>Does the information come from an 'authoritative source'?</i> Studies in Continuing Education</p> <p><i>Who published the source?</i> <i>Routledge Informa Ltd Registered in England and Wales</i> <i>Registered Number: 1072954</i></p>



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5	✓	✓	<p>Accuracy of information</p> <p><i>How is the information presented?</i> All information presented as fact is appropriately referenced.</p> <p><i>If the information is presented as fact, can it be checked?</i> Complete reference list to check referencing.</p> <p><i>Is the information biased?</i> Unsure. The methodology section and data analyses process is limited in this article.</p>
			<p>Timeliness of information (how recent is the information)</p> <p>This article draws on research and information published in the previous 20 years.</p> <p><i>When was the information published?</i> This article was published in 2005. However, does this influence the relevance of the findings?</p>

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