

Teacher Expectations of Websites – Prior to Students Completing the Exercise

Website 1: <http://www.london2012.com/>

For the purpose of the task you have been given, do you think this website is:

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Official Website of the London 2012 Olympic Games

Explain briefly the reason/s for your rating:

- This is the official website of the London 2012 Olympic Games. You can tell because it says 'Official London Olympic Games website', it includes the London Olympic Games logo, and the web address suggests is a .com which suggests that it is maintained by an organization that has financial backing. Eg: it is not a blog, or free website
- While you can find the results from all Olympic events on this website, it does not collate the results according to the Australian Olympic team results. You will find the answer but it may not be the most efficient website to use for this particular purpose.

Website 2: <http://london2012.blogs.nytimes.com/>

For the purpose of the task you have been given, do you think this website is:

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The New York Times Olympics News Blog

Explain briefly the reason/s for your rating:

- It is slightly relevant in that it does include information about the London 2012 Olympic Games which may include some information about Australians
- It is not a relevant website in that it is a blog from a news website that is based in the USA. You can tell because it says 'The New York Times' at the top of the page. You can also see the tabs at the top of the page that indicate each of the sections of the newspaper.
- It is not an Australian website so it is not relevant for our purpose.

Website 3: <http://london2012.olympics.com.au/>

For the purpose of the task you have been given, do you think this website is:

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Official Site of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team

Explain briefly the reason/s for your rating:

- There are multiple hints that suggest that this website is highly relevant for this task. It has the words AUSTRALIA, Australian Olympic Team, Inspiration of our Nation, and Home of the Australian Olympic Team at the top and / or bottom of the page. It also includes the Olympic rings and the Australian flag.
- It is also highly relevant for this task because under the hyperlink 'Schedule / Results' it has a section titled 'Australian Results' which suggests it will list exactly the information needed to complete this particular task.

Website 4: <http://www.abc.net.au/olympics/2008/team/>

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ABC's Coverage of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

Explain briefly the reason/s for your rating:

- At first glance, this website may look as if it is relevant because it has an Australian country code extension (.au), and it lists the members of the Australian Olympic Team. However, on closer inspection users will see that it is from the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games team, therefore, it is not relevant for this particular task.
- The web address includes '2008' which should be an instant hint that this website is outdated for the purpose of this task.

Website 5: <http://www.ausport.gov.au/>

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Australian Sports Commission

Explain briefly the reason/s for your rating:

- This website may appear relevant as it has domain extension which suggests that it is a reliable source of information (.gov) and a country code extension which indicates that it is Australian (.au). It also has the words Australian Government, and the Australian Coat of Arms at the top of the screen.
- It does have a graphic that lists the medal tally for the Australian team at the current Olympics. However, if you hover over this, you will see that it does not offer any specific information about the events or athletes who have won these medals.
- At the bottom of the page there is a rolling screen titled 'Featured News' which includes some results from the Australian Olympic team. There are other news events included in this feature suggesting that it will not be a comprehensive list of all results.

Website 6: <http://olympics.athletesinaction.org/>

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Olympics in Action Blog

Explain briefly the reason/s for your rating:

- This is a Wordpress blog. You can tell this if you hover over the window containing this page while it is minimized, it tells you that it is 'Just another Wordpress site'. You can also see the section at the bottom of the screen for users to comment. Also the appearance of the page suggests that it is a blog – there is a blog roll on the right side of the screen.
- There are minimal hyperlinks offered when you hover over the tabs at the top of the screen suggesting that there is not a lot of information linked to this website.
- Although this blog is about athletes, and the London Olympics, it has nothing which indicates information about the performance of athletes at the current games.
- It appears to have a focus on prayer, chaplaincy and ministry which is indicated in the introductory text at the centre of the screen.