

# Identifying reliable sources – an educational comics guide



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## Introduction and Background

Wikimedia's educational projects all serve one purpose: to enrich content on different-language Wikipedias and other Wikimedia initiatives. Educational activity in the Wikimedia movement has led to the creation of tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of articles in different languages, and even prompted participants in these projects to remain as Wikipedia editors. Educational projects make an immense contribution to the Wikimedia movement.

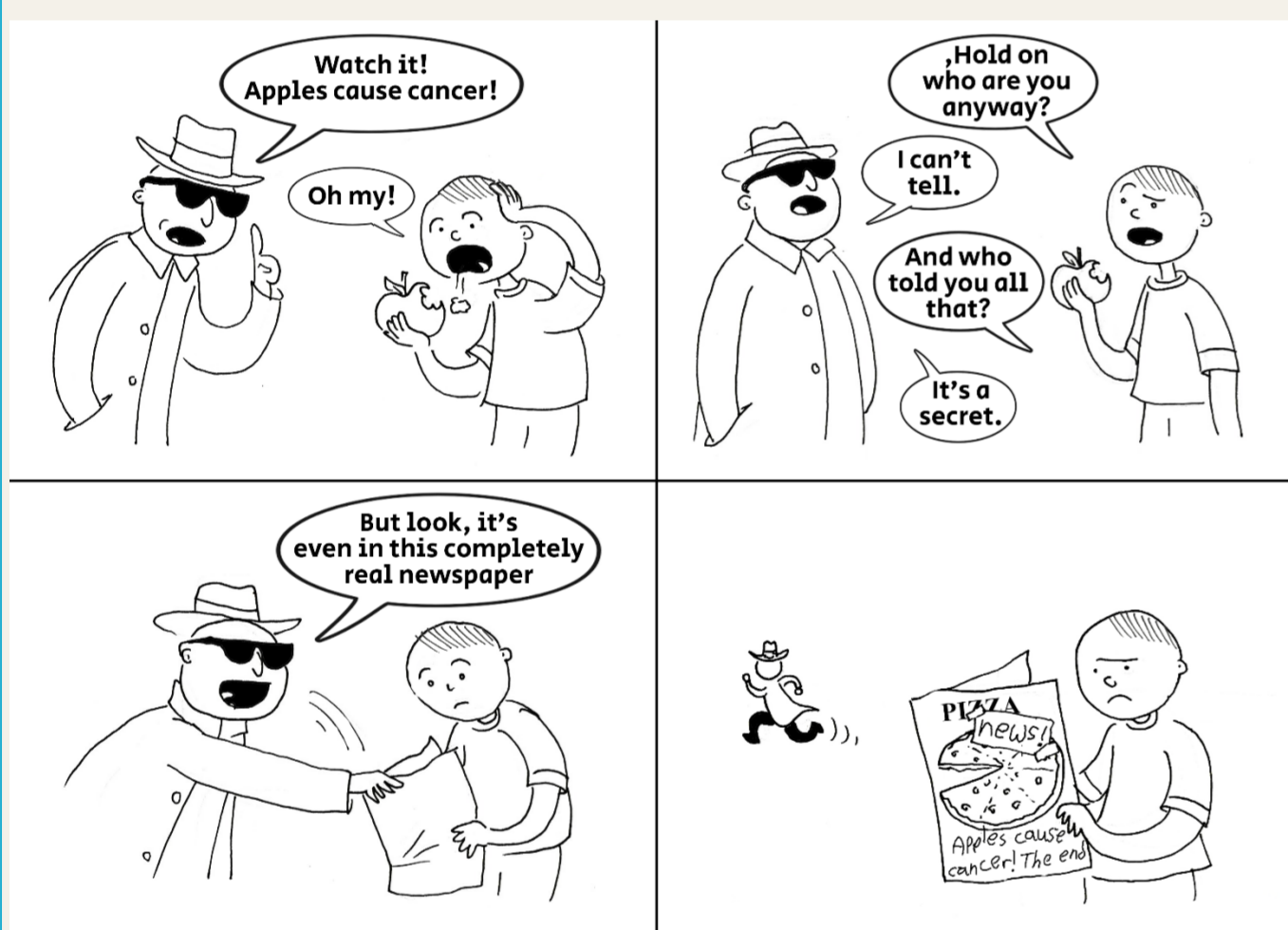
Wikimedia Israel operates educational projects in universities since 2011, and in high-schools since 2013. During this time, the chapter developed a range of instructional tools to support content creation activities in educational institutes. These tools guide participants and train them to edit Wikipedia and Wikitionary.

## The importance of reliable sources

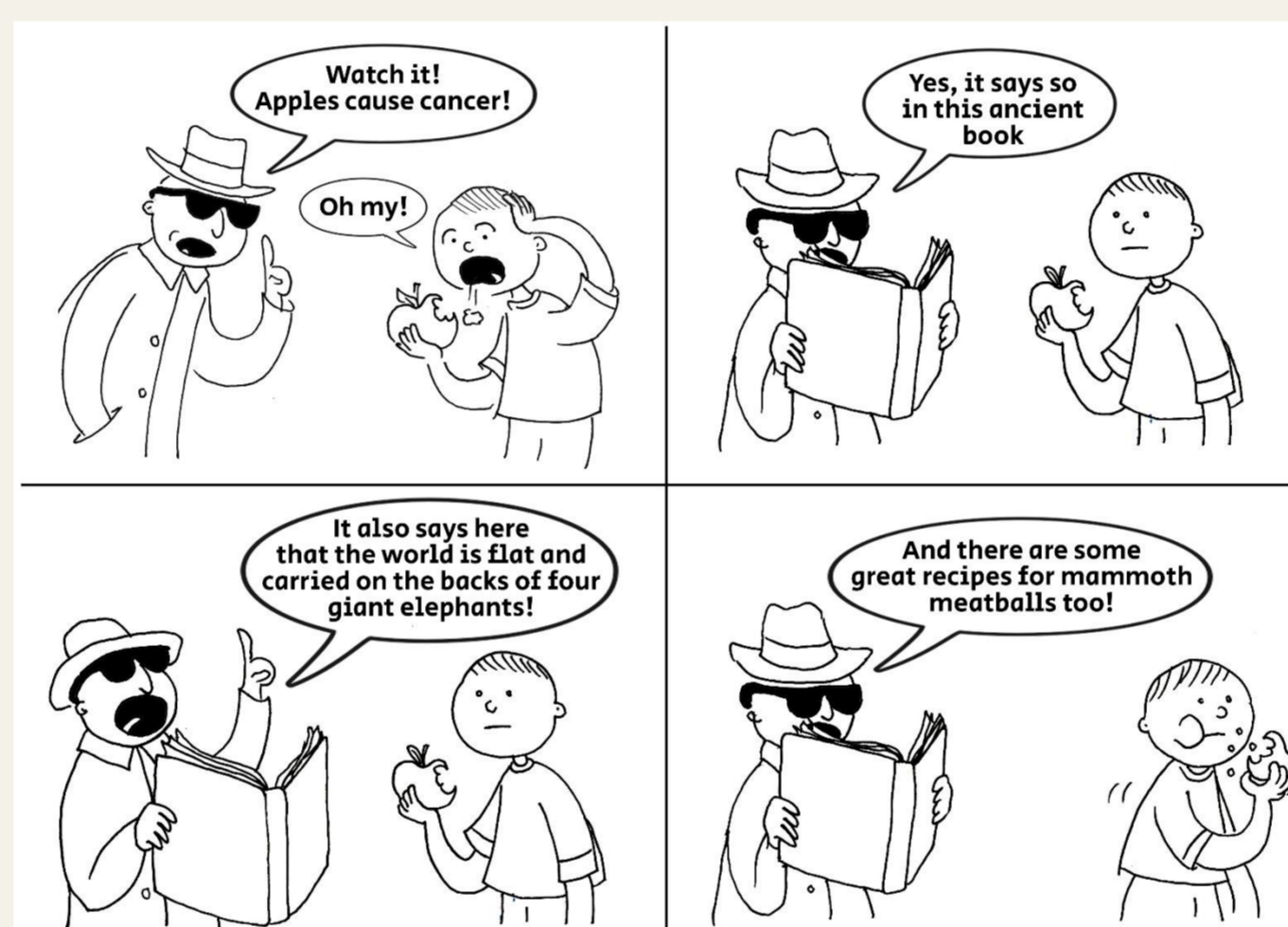
Making editing easy, however, is not enough in order to create high quality content; participants and new editors need to be aware of and pay attention to the reliability of the sources they use in their articles, especially given the flood of information that characterizes the current age. To this end, WM-IL's volunteer Dror Kamir together with comic artist Rachel Rottner developed a new tool: a series of comics illustrations on the topic of sources reliability.

The comics presents several questions that help one understand whether the information used in writing a Wikipedia articles is reliable.

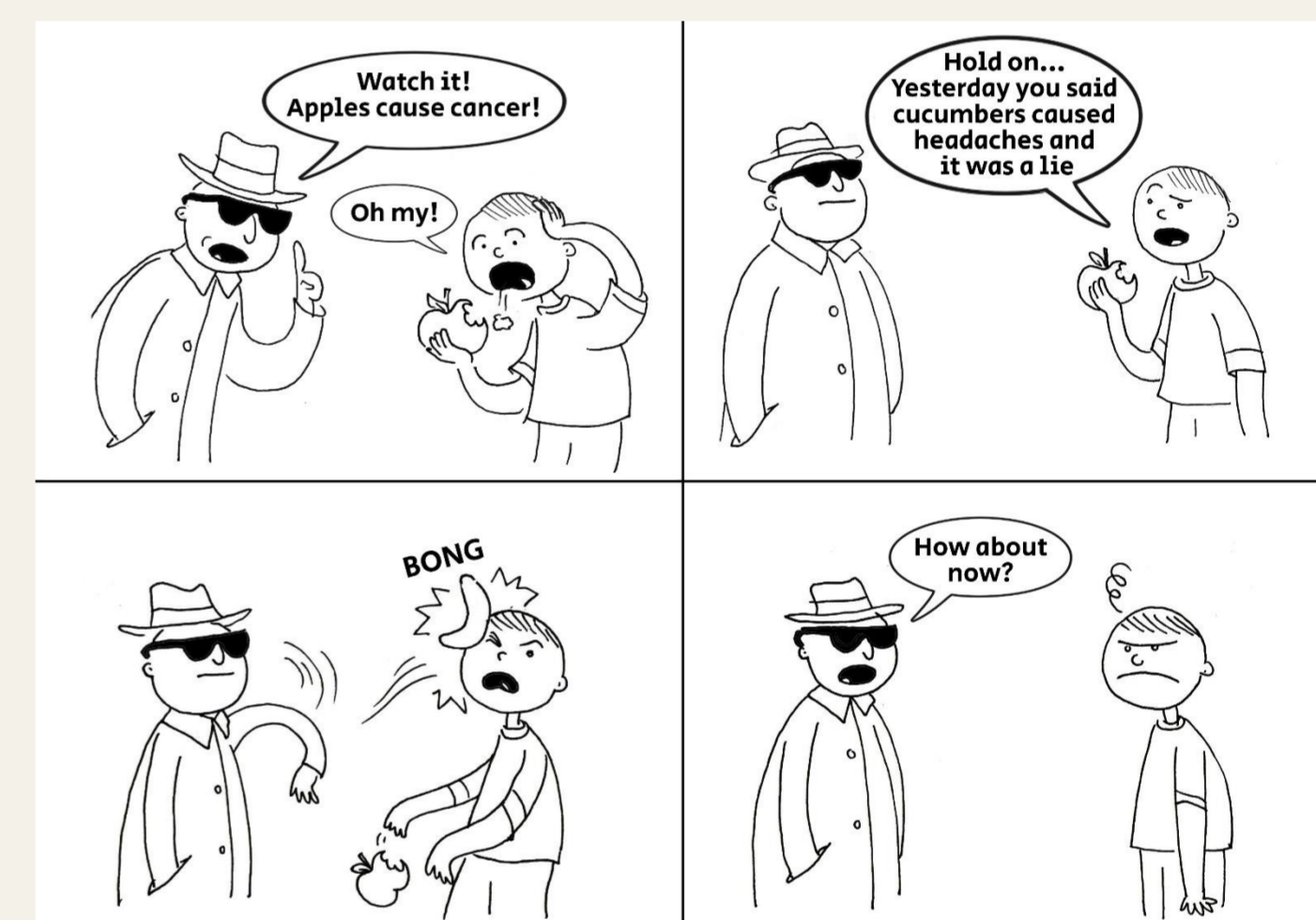
### Who delivers the information?



### When was the information delivered?



### Is the information provider trustworthy?



### Does the information provider play fair?



### Is the report emotionally charged?



### How many sources provide the information?



### Does the report include expressions of reservation?



## Usage of the comics as an educational tool

- For teachers and educators who use Wikipedia in the classroom
- For new, self-taught Wikipedia editors as a tool to learn about information reliability.

The tool is available in Arabic, English, and Hebrew. It's also possible to get the illustrations without the text, and insert the text in a language of your choice.

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