Documentation tool

CRAAP Test

Resource Title:

Duolingo

Resource URL:

https://www.duolingo.com/

Currency: The timeliness of the information:When was the resource publishedor posted?Has the resource been revised or updated?Does your topicrequire current information?Are the links functional?

Duolingo was founded on November 30, 2011. The information is continuously updated on a weekly/monthly basis. Current information is important when learning a language because language is living and always changing - so continuous updates are crucial! All links that I have tried to access have been functional.

Relevance: The importance of the information for your needsDoes theresource relate to your needs?Who is the intended audience?Is theinformation in the resource at an appropriate level for your learners?

Yes the resource relates to my needs of learning Spanish, or 30 other languages for free! The intended audience is anyone looking to learn a language, child to adult, and they must have access to the internet or pay for an advanced subscription. Yes the information in the resource is at the appropriate level for my learners because it is selfpaced and customized to each individuals learning.

Authority: The source of the information Who is the creator? What are their credentials or organizational affiliations? Are they qualified to write on this topic?

The founders of Duolingo are Luis von Ahn, (CEO) and Severin Hacker (CTO). The questions asked on Duolingo are created and voted for by the people who use Duolingo. Duolingo also has "a diverse team of experts in AI and machine learning, data science, learning sciences, UX research, linguistics, and psychometrics. We work closely with product teams to build innovative features based on world-class research." "Luis von Ahn is a professor at Carnegie Mellon University, the inventor of CAPTCHAs, and a

MacArthur Fellow. He has sold two companies to Google and given popular TED talks." "Severin Hacker received a BS in Computer Science from ETH Zurich in 2006 and a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University in 2014." Yes they are qualified to develop and create this resource.

Accuracy: The reliability and truthfulness of the information Is the information supported by evidence? Has the resource been reviewed or refereed? Are there spelling, grammar, or typographical errors?

The information is supported by evidence on how learners learn a language. There are several articles in the 'Publications' section of the Duolingo website. The resource is constantly being reviewed by users as they create the questions and can 'report' if a question or answer is incorrect or has errors. Spelling, grammar, or typographical errors are uncommon, though they sometimes occur. This is usually corrected through regular updates to the ap.

Purpose: The reason the information existsWhy does this resourceexist? (to inform, teach, sell, entertain, or persuade?)Is the information fact,opinion, or propaganda?Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious,institutional, or personal biases?

This resource exists to inform, teach and entertain. There is also an option to buy an advanced version of the ap, so it can also be used as a product to sell. The information is fact, though some may be opinion, weeded out through users feedback. I do not believe Duolingo is used as propaganda, I do not believe there are intentional biases. Duolingo strives to make the learning environment inclusive and inviting to anyone who wants to learn a language.

Notes: Are there additional questions or observations you have about this material that affect your decision to use it? (i.e. this is an opinion piece that I will use to demonstrate one side of an argument).

Final Recommendation: Will you use this resource? Why or why not?

Yes. I already use this resource for learning several languages! It is fun and educational at the same time. It challenges me to keep learning and I feel motivated to keep going. I have recommended this resource to several of my friends and colleagues and they usually report positive experiences using Duolingo.



