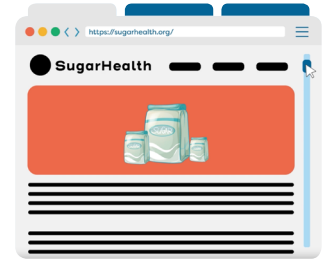




## Skills Practice: Lateral Reading

**A. Sweet Deception.** Sugar isn't the only sweetener in the game. Sugar substitutes have been around since 1879. Watch the TikTok video about an artificial sweetener called aspartame. Then read laterally to analyze the credibility of the person behind the information in this post.



*["Aspartame is safe," says PepsiCo CFO Hugh Johnston - \(bit.ly/3VHoT6N\)](https://bit.ly/3VHoT6N)*

1. What claim does the person in the video make?

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2. Who is the person speaking in the video?

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**Open one or more tabs to read laterally about the source. After you finish, answer the questions.**

3. What did you learn about the person in the video by reading laterally?

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4. What websites did you use to get your information? Why are they trustworthy?

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5. How might the background of the person or organization influence the content of the video?

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6. Based on your lateral reading, do you consider the speaker in the video to be a reliable source of information about aspartame? Why or why not?

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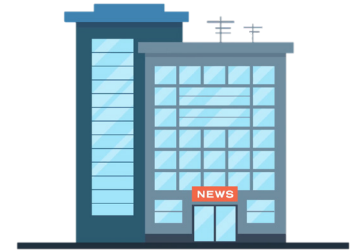
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# Independent Research: Lateral Reading

**B. On Your Own.** Locate an article or post about a current event that you would like to know more about. Use lateral reading to analyze the credibility of the organization behind the information.



1. Who is the person or organization responsible for the content? Who published it?

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**Open one or more tabs to read laterally about the source. After you finish, answer the questions.**

2. What did you learn about the person or organization behind the source by reading laterally?

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3. What websites did you use to get your information? Why are they trustworthy?

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4. Based on your lateral reading, do you consider the original source to be reliable? Why or why not?

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