

Florida Fact Finder Answer Key

Possible Consistencies:

1. Both sources agree sea turtle nesting increased in 2023.
2. Both mention Florida beaches as the location of nesting activity.
3. Both highlight conservation efforts as an important part of the story.

Possible Inconsistencies:

1. Source A reports "more than 9,000 nests," while Source B reports "more than 10,000 nests."
2. Source A raises concerns about climate change and gender imbalance, while Source B ignores these issues and presents only positive claims.

Why Cross-Checking Matters (Sample Response):

Cross-checking shows that while both sources agree sea turtle nesting is rising, the tourism magazine may exaggerate numbers and avoid negative details to promote Florida's beaches. The scientific study provides more precise data and highlights long-term concerns, which makes it more credible. Comparing sources helps readers see possible bias and decide which information to trust.

Teacher Notes:

- Stress that consistency builds credibility, while inconsistency raises questions.
- Encourage students to think about **purpose** (scientific research vs. tourism promotion) and how it influences what information is shared or left out.
- This activity models how to question sources instead of accepting them at face value.