



Fake News and Media Literacy

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Every day, people read **news** on their phones and computers. News tells us about things that happen in the world. Most news is true, but some news is not. Some stories are **fake**. Fake news is not real. People make fake news to trick us or to get more clicks.

It can be hard to know what is real. A fake story can look just like a real one. It may have a big title and a nice picture. But the words inside may be wrong. We need to be careful and think before we believe a story.

One good idea is to look at the **source**. The source is the place where the news comes from. Big, well-known news groups are often safe. A strange website that you never heard of may not be safe. Always ask, "Who wrote this?"

Another good idea is to **check** the story. You can look for the same news on other websites. If many trusted places say the same thing, it is more likely true. If only one strange page has the story, be careful.

Do not **share** a story before you check it. When we share fake news, we help it spread. Media literacy means we learn to read the news in a smart way. With practice, we can all find the truth.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. news ____ | a. something true that can be proven |
| 2. fake ____ | b. on the internet |
| 3. source ____ | c. believe someone or something is honest |
| 4. fact ____ | d. not real or not true |
| 5. check ____ | e. move to more and more places or people |
| 6. share ____ | f. look at something to see if it is correct |
| 7. online ____ | g. send or show something to other people |
| 8. headline ____ | h. title of a news story in big letters |
| 9. trust ____ | i. information about recent events in the world |
| 10. spread ____ | j. place where information comes from |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. All news that people read is true. | ____ 2. Fake news is not real. |
| ____ 3. Some people make fake news to trick us. | ____ 4. A fake story can look like a real one. |
| ____ 5. The source is the place where the news comes from. | ____ 6. A strange website you never heard of is always safe. |

___ 7. You should never check a story before you believe it.

___ 8. Looking for the same news on other websites is a good idea.

___ 9. When we share fake news, we help it spread.

___ 10. Media literacy means reading the news in a smart way.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: news, fake, source, check, share, online, trust, headline

1. We read the _____ to learn about the world.
2. A _____ story is not real.
3. Look at the _____ to see where the news comes from.
4. Please _____ the story before you believe it.
5. Do not _____ a story with friends before you know it is true.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why do some people make fake news?
2. What is one way to know if a story is real?
3. Why should you not share a story before you check it?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a fake story online? What was it about?
2. What can you do to help your family and friends stay safe from fake news?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-i, 2-d, 3-j, 4-a, 5-f, 6-g, 7-b, 8-h, 9-c, 10-e

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-news, 2-fake, 3-source, 4-check, 5-share

D. Comprehension:

1. They make fake news to trick people or to get more clicks.
2. You can look at the source or check the same news on other websites.
3. Because sharing fake news helps it spread to more people.

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