

Vocabulary to pre-teach

fact

drones

source

experts

Berlin

lioness

wild boar

Lesson 5

Questioning sources
of information

Learning objective

To question sources of information

Journalist training school

A good journalist needs to report the facts about a story. They should know which sources are reliable and question those that seem unreliable.

Telling the truth?

Sometimes we might hear somebody say something, and we start to wonder if it's really true. What would you think if somebody said this...?

Luis is doing a class presentation. He tells his classmates that he has spent the weekend cleaning up after his pet elephant. He says he has had the elephant for three years, but nobody has ever seen it.

**What makes you think that
Luis is not telling the truth?**

Telling the truth?

Sometimes we might hear somebody say something, and we start to wonder if it's really true. What would you think if somebody said this...?

Cassady has just joined her new school. Her new classmates ask her what she thinks of the new school. She says that she is surprised at how easy PE lessons are because, at her old school, they used to run away from a tiger as their usual warm up.

**What makes you think that
Cassady is not telling the truth?**

Telling the truth?

Sometimes we might hear somebody say something, and we start to wonder if it's really true. What would you think if somebody said this...?

Agnieszka tells her friends that she will be off school the next day. She says that she will be going to have a check up on her x-ray eye which can see through walls.

**What makes you think that
Agnieszka is not telling the truth?**

fact

something that is known to be true and
can be proved

Sometimes it can be difficult to know what is and what is not a fact. Things that are untrue can be said as if they are. This makes it even more tricky!

When we hear new information that we are unsure about, we should ask:

- Who is saying it?
- What do I know about them?

Asking these questions can help us decide whether a source is...

BELIEVABLE

Panic in Berlin as police search for lion

NEWS



What we know:

This is a real news story about a police search that happened in Berlin.

How believable is this source?		
1 This seems fishy...	2 Not sure about this...	3 Totally believable!

What you need to do:

- Read your quote
- Ask your friend if they think the source is believable
- Tally their answer
- Find another friend to ask

What did you think?



Remember the key questions:

- Who is saying it?
- What do I know about them?

Wild boar chase



A police force in Berlin has said that the 'lioness' they were searching for is likely a wild boar.

The search started after a video was shared online that seemed to show a lioness at the side of a road. It took 36 hours and involved helicopters, drones and over 300 officers.

Although police believed that the video may have been a lion, some experts were not sure. Local zoos, museums and circuses said that none of their animals had escaped.

People across the city will be grateful that they are able to leave their houses again after being told to stay inside. An outdoor concert was cancelled and local nurseries were told not to let children outside.

The story caused a lot of discussion and mischief. Several fake videos and images were shared online while a group of teens played lion roars through speakers during the search. The police said this was very unhelpful at the time.

News
WISE

What really happened?

News
WISE

Think about what we've learned this lesson. Use the scale to show how much you agree or disagree with these statements.



**It is okay to ask questions
about a story.**

1

2

3

4

5

**Strongly
disagree**

Disagree

**Neither agree
nor disagree**

Agree

**Strongly
agree**

**Some sources are more
believable than others.**



**If someone believes a fake story,
they should feel embarrassed.**



**It is not okay to change my
mind about a story.**

1

2

3

4

5

**Strongly
disagree**

Disagree

**Neither agree
nor disagree**

Agree

**Strongly
agree**

If I like a story, I should share it anyway. It doesn't matter if it's true or not.



**I should believe stories straight
away before I ask questions.**

