

# Vocabulary to pre-teach

fake news

formal

reliable sources

informal

hoax

facts

website

quotes

social media

# Lesson 6

Fake or  
real news?

**What ground rules do  
we need to remember  
for today's lesson?**

Imagine a child who is 8 or 9 years old.

They have seen a news story online, but there's something about it that makes them unsure if it's true.

WE'RE  
READING  
THE  
NEWS!



What could be making them uncertain?

What could they do to find out if the story is true?

# Learning objective

To use strategies to identify fake and real news stories

## Learning outcomes

- Define key terms, including fake news, hoax and reliable source
- Describe some strategies that can be used to identify fake news
- Decide if a news story is fake or real by using different strategies

## Journalist training school

A good journalist must report real news. This means they have to be great fake news detectives so that they don't accidentally report fake news themselves.

# Fake news words: jumbled!

Can you match each word to the correct definition and example?

## Word

## Definition

## Example

Fake news

A trick, designed to fool people.

A made-up story about spaghetti trees, written for April Fool's Day.

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News which is not true or does not give all the facts.

A news story about how much money is spent on schools. The amounts are wrong.

Hoax

A trustworthy place that news has come from, such as an expert on the subject.

A headteacher who has shared that their school is getting a new uniform.

# How did you do?

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**Journalists need to be able to spot fake news so they don't report or share it!**

**NEWS**





When we read  
news, we should...



**STOP**



**QUESTION**



**CHECK**



**DECIDE**

 *STOP*

 *QUESTION*

 *CHECK*

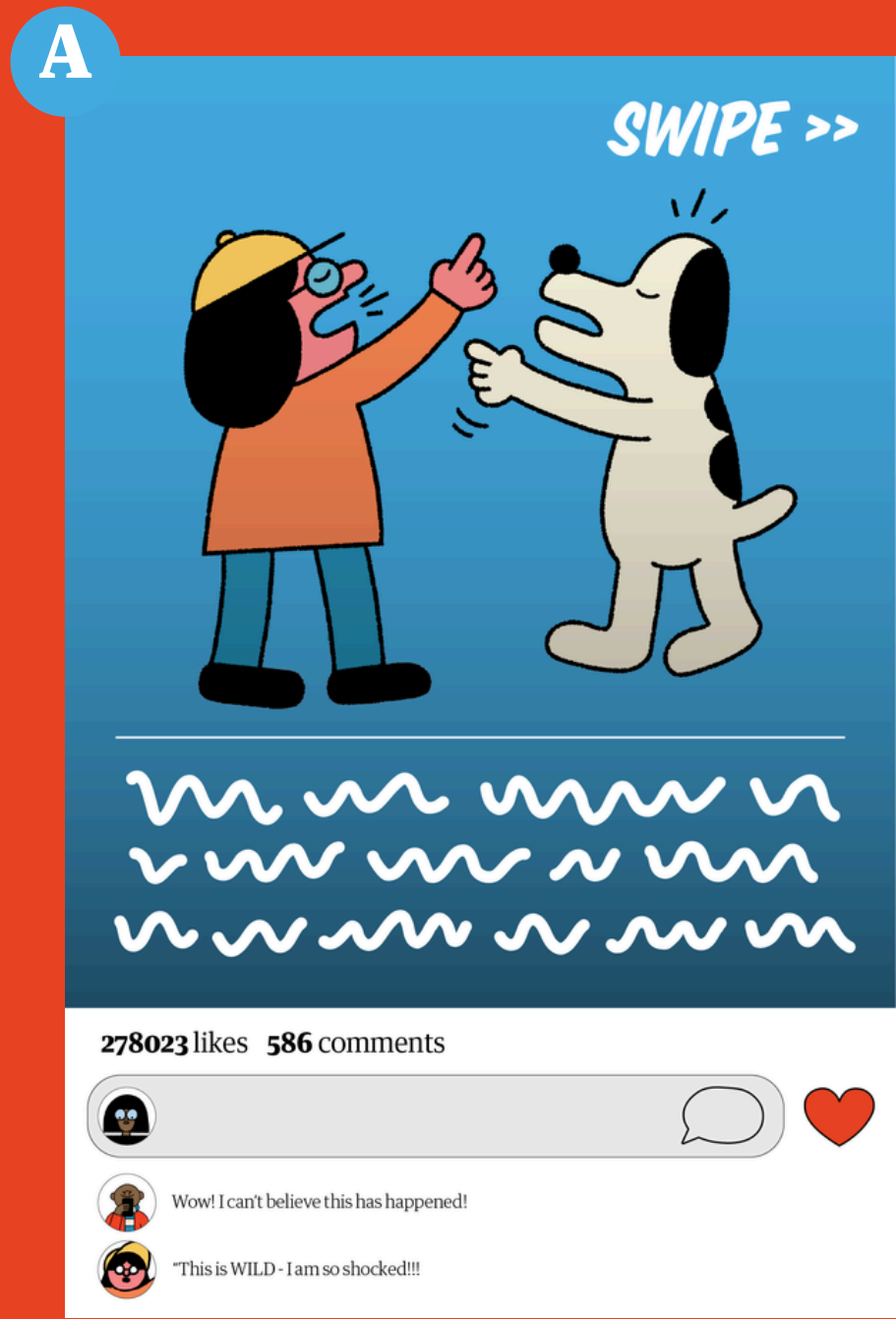
 *DECIDE*

Have you heard of the source?  
Is it reliable?

What are some reliable  
sources of news that  
you have heard of?

If the news is online, does it look the way you would expect a news website to look?

-  **STOP**
-  **QUESTION**
-  **CHECK**
-  **DECIDE**



 *STOP*

 *QUESTION*

 *CHECK*

 *DECIDE*

Are there any mistakes?

**We know You wont believe this...**

Can you beleive it? News just come about that and people (including me!) in shockkkk!!!

Can you see any mistakes in this example?

 **STOP**

 **QUESTION**

 **CHECK**

 **DECIDE**

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**We know You won't believe this...**  
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You can also think about how the news is written. Does it sound formal or informal? Does every sentence make sense?



**X** *STOP*

**?** *QUESTION*

**!** *CHECK*

**✓** *DECIDE*

Is a real photograph used?

## Beavers are back



Dan Kitwood/Getty Images

Beavers returning to the UK countryside will be good for our waterways and other species.

**X** *STOP*

**?** *QUESTION*

**!** *CHECK*

**✓** *DECIDE*

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## Beavers are back



Dan Kitwood/Getty Images

Beavers returning to the UK countryside will be good for our waterways and other species.

Look out for a caption too!



**X** STOP

**?** QUESTION

**!** CHECK

**✓** DECIDE

Does it have facts or quotes to support the story?

### Beavers are back



Beaver releases have been encouraged by the government in Scotland. There are now around 250 places that beavers have made home.

Facts

"Beavers make dams," said Matt Holden, who works for Devon Wildlife Trust. "In the UK, we have lost more than 75% of our wetlands and beavers can bring some of that back - by building dams."

Quotes

News.  
WISE



 *STOP*

 *QUESTION*

 *CHECK*

 *DECIDE*

Have you heard of the source?  
Is it reliable?

What reliable sources  
of news did we  
include in our list?

**X STOP**

**? QUESTION**

**! CHECK**

**✓ DECIDE**

Do I trust this news report?  
Do I not trust this news report?



**News.  
WISE**

**X STOP**



**? QUESTION**

Have you heard of the source?  
Is it reliable?

If the news is online, does it  
look the way you would expect  
a news website to look?

Are there any mistakes?



**! CHECK**

Is a real photograph used?

Does it have facts or quotes to  
support the story?

Are other sources reporting  
the story too?



**✓ DECIDE**



**Do you think  
these stories are  
fake or real?**



**Dad uses a swing  
for over a day to  
set world record**



**Rhino horns  
dyed pink to  
protect them**







# Scientists build computer powered by seaweed



**Look at each clue card. Decide if it makes the news story likely to be:**



**REAL**



**FAKE**



**NOT SURE**





Let's vote...

**Dad uses a  
swing for over  
a day to set  
world record**

**Rhino horns  
dyed pink to  
protect them**

**Scientists  
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computer  
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Let's vote...

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**REAL**

# Remember...

You can use the NewsWise code if you are ever unsure about a story.

If you are still not sure, you can ask a trusted adult to help you check a story.



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What are three tips that would help them to decide?