

The Digital Literacy Series: Fake News

What Is Fake News?

Comprehension Questions

Watch the video carefully, and complete the comprehension questions and activities.

1. Why did the British government ban the term “fake news” in official documents?
 - a) It is offensive.
 - b) It is too informal.
 - c) It is poorly defined and misleading.
 - d) It is too political.
2. In the past, it was easier to trust the news because it was produced by professional _____. They worked for well-known _____, and the content was checked by their _____.
3. The news we encounter today might come from:
 - a) qualified journalists.
 - b) people trying to go viral.
 - c) groups deliberately spreading false information.
 - d) all of the above.
4. Fake news stories can be misleading without being completely untrue.
True False
5. A story that falsely claims a celebrity has died is an example of:
 - a) satire.
 - b) a hoax.
 - c) propaganda.
 - d) a scam.
6. What is the name given to a sensationalized headline that entices people to view linked content?

7. Images and quotes can be used out of context to make a biased story appear to be true.
True False

8. Explain what chatbots are and how they can be used to spread fake news.

9. Explain how clicking on a story can generate money for the website that hosts it.

10. Name three areas where misinformation and propaganda can have serious consequences if used for making personal decisions.

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