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Fact, Opinion or Fake?

INDIRECT QUESTIONS · FACTS AND OPINIONS · WORKSHEET

1 Read the posts. Write F (fact), O (opinion), E (exaggerated headline), M (missing context) or FK (fake). Underline the words that helped you.

POST 1 · @LONDONHISTORYFAN

Tower Bridge opened in 1894. It took eight years to build. ____

POST 2 · REVIEW BY JO H.

Honestly, the London Eye is the most boring attraction in the city. Don't waste your money! ____

POST 3 · GAMEZONE NEWS

SCIENTISTS SAY: TEENAGERS WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES ARE GENIUSES! ____

POST 4 · RIVERFORD TALK

Bus tickets in Riverford have gone up by 50%! Unbelievable! ____

POST 5 · @NEWS_NOW_24_7

BREAKING: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CANCELLED THIS SUMMER!!! Share before it's deleted!!! ____

POST 6 · RIVERFORD WEATHER STATION

According to our records, last July was the wettest July in Riverford for 30 years. ____

2 Listen to Sam from Riverford Radio. True (T) or false (F)?

1. The post said the library was closing next month. T / F
2. Sam first called the library. T / F
3. The account that wrote the post was very new. T / F
4. The library is closing for good. T / F
5. Sam thinks a few questions can stop a rumour. T / F

3 Complete with: *According to · In my opinion · It seems that · The evidence suggests · There's no evidence that*

1. _____, Post 2 is unfair – the London Eye is great!
2. _____ the weather station, last July was very wet.
3. _____ the study was very small – only 40 students.
4. _____ the writer of Post 5 wants people to panic.
5. _____ the holidays are cancelled. Nobody official has said it.

4 Make the questions indirect.

question → normal word order · no do / does / did · yes/no questions → if / whether

1. Who wrote this post? → Do you know

_____

2. When was it published? → Could you tell me

_____

3. Is there a source? → I wonder

_____

4. Where did the photo come from? → Do you know

_____

5. How many students took part? → I'd like to know

_____

6. Has anyone checked it? → Do you know

_____

5 Ask the source. Use indirect questions. Then decide.

Post	What did you find out?	Verdict (It seems that… / The evidence suggests…)
2		
3		
4		
5		

6 Think before you share: write three rules.

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Source cards

Cut out. Student A gets only A cards, student B only B cards. Don't show your cards – answer your partner's indirect questions.

STUDENT A · ABOUT POST 3

The study was done in one school. 40 students took part. They played puzzle games for a month and were a little better at puzzles afterwards. A games company paid for the study. The scientists never used the word “geniuses”.

STUDENT B · ABOUT POST 2

The review was written by Jo Hart. She works at another attraction on the river, ten minutes from the London Eye. She doesn't say this in her review.

STUDENT A · ABOUT POST 4

A single bus ticket in Riverford went up from £1.00 to £1.50 – but that was ten years ago. The price hasn't changed since then. The post was written last week.

STUDENT B · ABOUT POST 5

The Government website says nothing about holidays. The account was created yesterday. The post has a photo of a “document” with three spelling mistakes in it.

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Exit ticket

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   _____

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3. Your own Think-before-you-share rule:

   _____

	Yes · Almost · Not yet
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I use normal word order in indirect questions.	○ ○ ○
I can refer to evidence.	○ ○ ○
I know what to check before I share.	○ ○ ○

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