Fact, Opinion or Fake?

Today I will learn to check if information online is true – and to ask politely in English where it comes from.

- I can tell a **fact** from an **opinion** – and say how I know.
- I say *Do you know where the photo **came** from?* – not *where did the photo come*.
- I refer to evidence: *According to…, The evidence suggests…*
- I can give one rule: what to check before I share.

Would you share it?

BREAKING: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CANCELLED THIS SUMMER!!!

Share before it's deleted!!!

Would you share it? Why? Why not? **What would you check first?**

Five kinds of posts

F – fact	You can check it. *Tower Bridge opened in 1894.*
O – opinion	Someone's feelings or judgement. *boring, the best, don't waste…*
E – exaggerated	Some truth, but much bigger than the facts.
M – missing context	True, but important information is missing. When? Where? Who?
FK – fake	Not true. No source, CAPITALS, “share now!”

Six posts: answers

1 F	can be checked – a date and a fact
2 O	*Honestly, the most boring, don't waste your money*
3 E	*SCIENTISTS SAY… GENIUSES!* – which scientists? how many students?
4 M	+50% – but since when? which tickets?
5 FK	no source, CAPITALS, *Share before it's deleted!!!*
6 F	*According to our records* – a source

Listen: Riverford Radio

Sam checks a post about the town library. True or false?

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

Answers: 1 T · 2 F · 3 T · 4 F (only two weeks) · 5 T

Opinions and evidence

In my opinion, …	what **I** think
According to the weather station, …	what a **source** says
It seems that …	what it looks like
The evidence suggests that …	what the facts show
There's no evidence that …	nothing shows it's true

Not: according to me · evidences · an evidence

Indirect questions

Who **wrote** it?	Do you know who **wrote** it?
Where **did** the photo **come** from?	Do you know where the photo **came** from?
When **will** the library **close**?	Could you tell me when the library **will close**?
Is there a source?	I wonder **if** there **is** a source.

After *Do you know… / Could you tell me… / I wonder…* → **normal word order**, no **do / does / did**.

Ask the source

1. Ask about the posts you **don't** know about.
2. **Only indirect questions!**
3. Don't show your card.
4. 2 × 4 minutes. Then decide.

Do you know who…?

Could you tell me how many…?

Do you know if / whether…?

I'd like to know when…

I wonder where…

Think before you share

1. Check who wrote it.
2. Ask yourself if there is a source.
3. …

Write three rules with your partner. Then choose the five best for our class poster.

Exit ticket · Homework

Exit ticket: an indirect question · *According to… / The evidence suggests…* · your own rule + traffic lights ● ● ●

Homework – choose A or B

A. Find one English headline that seems exaggerated or incomplete (no politics). Write 60–80 words: what the headline says, what the text or source says, three indirect questions to ask before sharing.

B. Do the exercises in the lesson about auxiliary verbs and questions on **zadruzynski.com**.