



Fake news

ESL Lesson

- Do you find it easy to distinguish fake news from real news?
- What are some indications that a news story might be ‘fake news’?
- What do you do if you’re not sure about whether a news story is true or not?
- Why do you think people create or spread ‘fake news’?



Article: How actual ‘fake news’ caused a market whiplash

Discussion: Give another example of a time when errant social media posts spread misinformation, and what the consequences were.



Do you think it's important to always stay updated on events in the world, or is it necessary to take the occasional reprieve?



Through social media, misinformation has surged. What can or should authorities do to keep it under control?



When was the last time you were truly baffled by something? What is something which often baffles people?



Give an example of something which has experienced a major turnaround, either in your private life or in general.



What can happen when information is regurgitated without proper analysis?



When misinformation has been amplified by trusted sources, what's the best way to correct that, or at least limit the damage?



Find some fake news!

Find an example of a fake news story in English.

- What is the title and when was it published?
- What does it claim? What is 'fake' about it?
- What's the real story?
- What was the motivation behind this fake news article, in your opinion?
- Was it amplified or regurgitated by other sources?
- What could some consequences of this fake news story be?

