

WORKSHEET 3.2a

IS IT 'NEWS'? - TERMINOLOGY ACTIVITY

Term	Definition
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GOSSIP	False information or propaganda published under the guise of being authentic news. Sites set up to push this content do so in an attempt to mislead consumers of the content and spread misinformation via social networks and word-of-mouth.
FAST NEWS	An unverified account that is circulating.
CONSPIRACY THEORY	A made-up news story published to entertain or trick people.
URBAN LEGEND	The idea that many important political events or economic and social trends are the products of secret plots that are largely unknown to the general public.
DISINFORMATION	Stories created and circulated to turn attention away from stories that are in the local, national or global interest. Used by organisations, including governments to 'bury' bad news.
RUMOUR	A modern story of obscure origin and with little or no supporting evidence that spreads spontaneously in varying forms and often has elements of humour, moralising, or horror.
DEFLECTION	Casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details which are not confirmed as true.
HOAX	False information which is intended to mislead, especially propaganda issued by a government organisation to a rival power or the media.

WORKSHEET 3.2b

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IS IT 'NEWS'? - TERMINOLOGY, ANSWER SHEET FOR TEACHERS

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