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2. Give a recent example. _____

3. Why is fake news more of a problem nowadays than in the past?

. Do you think it is an important issue? Why?

While Watching: 

1. Fake news is when _____

2. Fake news is not _____

3. The C.R.A.P. test stands for C _____ R _____

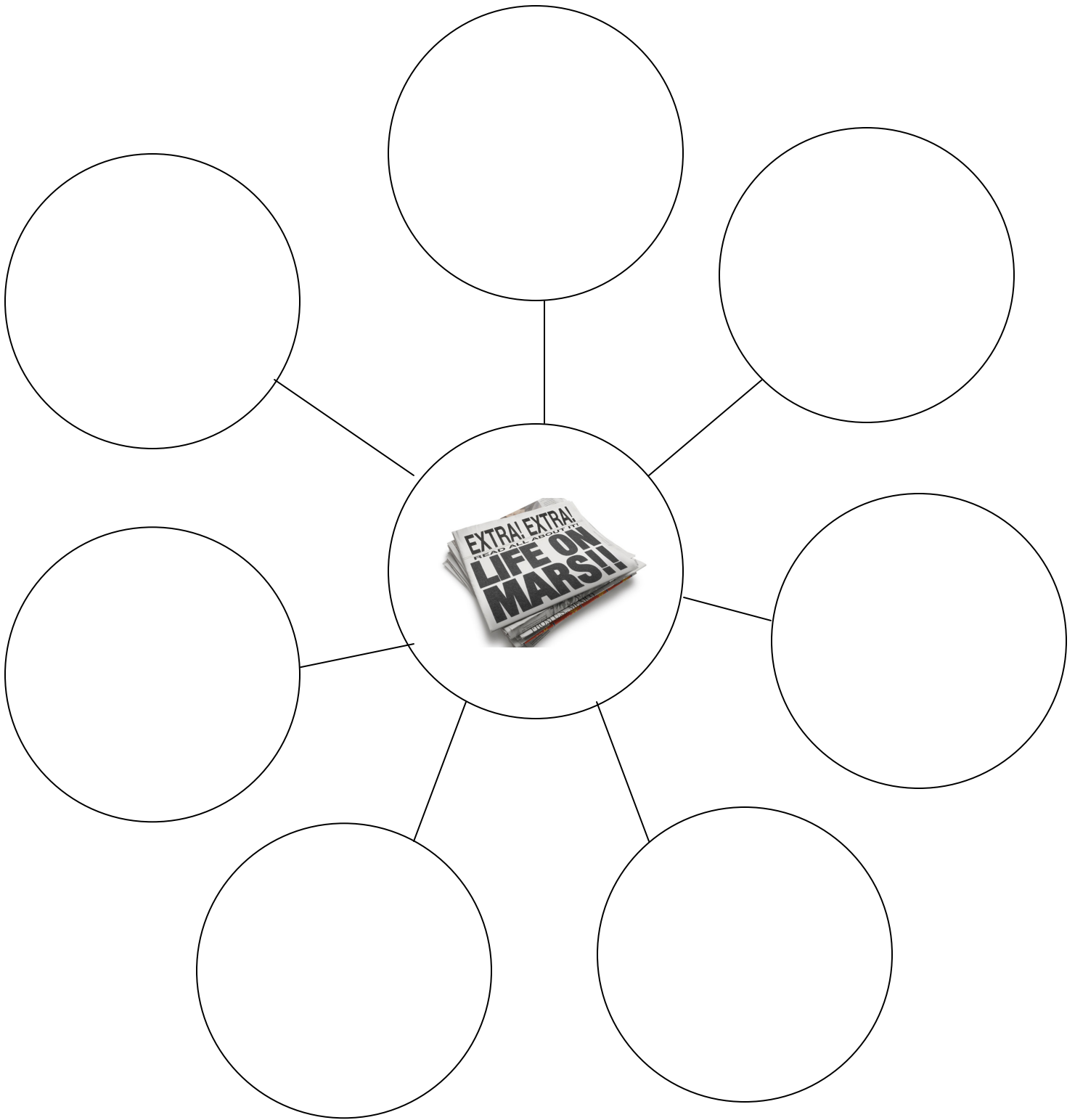
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4. Finally, you can use plain old _____

5. Don't _____, _____, _____, _____ fake news.

How to spot "Fake News"

Think about the ways you might tell if a news story is fake.

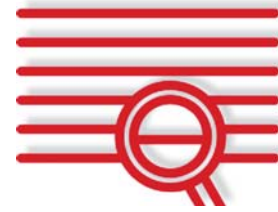


HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

Beware fake or misleading news.
Be skeptical. Ask Questions.
Verify.
It's up to you.



How to Identify Fake News in 10 Steps

Select "Yes" or "No" to the following questions.
The more thumbs-down icons you select, the more likely the news article is fake.

1. Do a Visual Assessment

Assess the overall design. Fake news sites often look amateurish, have lots of annoying ads, and use altered or stolen images.

Overall, does the news article and website seem high quality? Yes No

2. Identify the News Outlet

The Wall Street Journal and CNN are examples of news outlets. If you haven't heard of the news outlet, search online for more information.

Is the news outlet well known, well respected, and trustworthy? Yes No

3. Check the Web Domain

Many fake news URLs look odd or end with ".com.co" or ".lo" (e.g., abcnews.com.co) to mimic legitimate news sites.

Does the URL seem legitimate? Yes No

4. Check the "About Us" Section

Trustworthy news outlets usually include detailed background information, policy statements, and email contacts in the "About/About Us" section.

Does the site provide detailed background information and contacts? Yes No

5. Identify the Author

Fake news articles often don't include author names. If included, search the author's name online to see if he or she is well known and respected.

Does the article have a trusted author? Yes No

6. Identify the Central Message

Read the article carefully. Fake news articles often push one viewpoint, have an angry tone, or make outrageous claims.

Does the article seem fair, balanced, and reasonable? Yes No

7. Assess Spelling, Grammar, and Punctuation

If the article has misspelled words, words in ALL CAPS, poor grammar, or lots of "!!!!," it's probably unreliable.

Does the article have proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation? Yes No

8. Analyze Sources and Quotes

Consider the article's sources and who is quoted. Fake news articles often cite anonymous sources, unreliable sources, or no sources at all.

Does the article include and identify reliable sources? Yes No

9. Find Other Articles

Search the internet for more articles on the same topic. If you can't find any, chances are the story is fake.

Are there multiple articles by other news outlets on this topic? Yes No

10. Turn to Fact Checkers

FactCheck.org, Snopes.com, PolitiFact.com are widely trusted fact-checking websites.

Do the fact checkers say the news story is true? Yes No

Based on your research, do you think the article is more likely to be true or false? Explain.



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1. Fake news is when _____ news, stories or hoaxes are created deliberately to misinform or deceive.

2. Fake news is not _____ news you don't like. Parody. Opinion pieces. Honest mistakes.

3. The C.R.A.P. test stands for C _____urrent? _____ R _____eputable?

Author? _____ Purpose or point of view? _____

4. Finally, you can use plain old _____ common sense.

5. Don't _____ make _____, _____ share _____, _____ send _____, _____ like _____ fake news.

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