

# Fake News

You see a story that looks true, but is it?



## What is an example of fake news?

**‘Frogs eats Donkey’ or ‘COVID-19 is caused by 5G’.**

But ‘fake news’ stories might have some bit of truth in them that makes it harder to spot that they are fake. **Truth and lies get mixed up so it is hard to tell what is true or not.**

## How do people try to hide that it is a fake news story?

They might try and make it look like a well-known newspaper or use another trusted logo.



Watch this video to see how a group young people got on when they were challenged to spot fake news stories. [Watch this video.](#)



## Why do people share fake news?

- It could be that they **shared it by mistake** thinking it was true
- They might share it to **get more likes or clicks**
- Someone may have **written it on purpose to** make people worry or to get themselves noticed

## Ask yourself:

1. **Have I seen this story anywhere else** online or on the TV or radio?
2. **Do I know where it came from** in the first place?

**Try not to get upset by a frightening story – it may not be true. Ask your parents or carer to check it out with you.**

